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That Person, Later on. . .

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Description:

Wazu was an ordinary townsman who shut himself off in the “mountain” because of an unfortunate course of events. After 2 years, he decided to come down from the mountain to meet with people. But there were various misunderstanding about the “mountain” which he shut himself off in. And then he repeatedly had encounters with people. And after that. . .

Prologue

It was 2 years ago. . . .

My name is Wazu

15 years old with black hair and black eyes, medium build and height, I had the appearance of a very ordinary man. My parents are common townspoeple living in the Imperial City. I was also an ordinary brother of two cute little sister who adored by many.

However, even such an ordinary people like I have a childhood friend of the same age that I can be proud of.

Her name is Aria

She has a gentle azure eyes and blue long hair like the sky.

Her figure is still that of a child, but there is no doubt that she will become a well-balanced beauty in the future. She has a calm personality and kind to anyone without discrimination.

She's always smiling around me, but sometimes her dark... No, it’s not good to speak badly of others, let’s stop now...

When Aria and I were 12 years old, we promised to always be together in

the future.

Strangely, my sister was always in a bad mood after she found out about it. I had a hard time because of that...

Opss we were talking about Aria right now.

At the age of 13, she was appointed as a [saint] by church to subdue the Demon Lord and reluctantly joined Hero's party. Why reluctantly? Because Aria herself wasn't eager to go. However, her parents and the poeple around were persuading her to go. I think only I know about this matter.

At that time I couldn’t say anything...

Even though someone I love was snatched away in front of my eyes, I couldn't raised a good objection when the adults saying "it's for the world peace". Since then I've always prayed for Aria's safety every day.

And then, about two years later. . . just a little more time before my 15th birthday, a news was spreaded around the world.

“The Hero party has defeated Demon Lord”

The world was wrapped in joy.

But I was still full of anxiety until I see Aria for myself. A few weeks after the news, Aria is come back.

Arc de parade was held by townspeople to received Hero party before they reported to the king.

From the dinstance I confirmed Aria figure with my eyes, I’m was feeling

relieved from the bottom of my heart. Now I think about it, at that time she was strangely close with Hero-sama.

From Aria's parents I heard that she was bounded with the report and celebration party in the palace, so I couldn't meet her right away.

But a few days later, something that I will never forget happened.

That day I was not able to settle down from the euphoria of being able to meet Aria. I was walking in the town unsteadily.

Casting skeptical gazes at the stalls and restaurants that are full of townspeople who are smile lively with full of happiness. Without realized it I was walking in back alleys.

And then I saw it. What I saw was. . .

Aria and Hero-sama kissing in the back alleys to avoided people's gaze. . .

After that, I don’t remember how I managed to get home.

My head was blank, I couldn’t think of anything. Even when my sister talk to me anxiously, I could only reply it with an [Ah. . .] or [Well. . .]

Even after coming to my room, I still couldn’t cast off that spectacle from my mind, I didn’t know what to do..

Having sat for a while, I noticed that my knees are wet- - -

So, I was crying. . .

The promise we made will become just a story from the past. . .

No, I didn’t want to stay in this town anymore. . .

Because there were too much memories with Aria in this town. . .

I scribbled some words on a paper and ran away from our house with a little money.

It's say,

"Please don't look for me, and take care yourself".

"I'm wishing for Aria and Hero-sama's happiness."

That day, The man who should be celebrating his 15th birthday has disappeared from the Imperial capital while crying.

Chapter 1 - The Place Where I'm Right Now Is "Mountain"

It’s been 2 years since the day I ran away from Imperial City.

Right now, I’m in the middle of frigid bilzzard.

However I’m not feeling cold at all. My limbs and my body can move normally. And when I move one step forward, scorching desert air has spread this time. But still I neither feels hot nor sweating.

There are variations of brutal climate changes in this place.

Sometimes it becomes thunderous with heavy rain falling down, sometimes it become a sunny day, etc. Just like now the hail begins to descend not long after that scorching sun spitting out a hot wave, what a funny place.

This place is a「Mountain」.

Moreover it isn't an ordinary mountain. This gigantic mountain, somehow people understand how dangerous this place was, enough to say that no one would come near this place.

I think there are two reasons why this place is dangerous.

First one and the most inconvenient thing is the climate that brutally changes.

And the other one, there are 3 beasts in front of me that can make for a good example

First, on the left side, 3m tall body with a head of a bull, bipedal walking creature that is covered with black hair, an ultra strong monster. A tribe so called “Minotaur”. On its right hand was something like a giant wooden mallet. It looking towards me hungrily while drooling.

Next one is on the right side. Quadruped black haired dog about 5m tall. however it’s not just an ordinary dog, becuase its has 3 heads. One body with three heads. . . I wonder if they could get along? Maybe a head in the middle is the leader? Because it’s throwing up a red flame, you know? But it seems that they are concentrated in a single consciousness right now. All the three heads drooling uncontrollably while looking at me. Oh I see, they are thinking of me as food.

And then in the middle is the last one, standing on two legs? A big dragon about 7m tall covered in black scale. . . it's a Dragon with large claws that able to tear up all kinds of thing very easily. And this guy also drooling while looking at me.

It’s not limited to these 3 monsters. I have been living on this mountain for two years, a place where monsters are roaming around freely. That’s why people avoided this place.

I really. . . really desperately survived from the death on this mountain.

I mean, I just running from the Imperial city like crazy while crying. I couldn't think of anything at that time and when I realized it, I was here, in this mountain. I’m trying to get off the mountain but was chased by monsters. I can’t predicted the climate changes, My sense of directions all messed up so I lost, I was wandering around all over the places.

But, I have survived. I have survived in this harsh environment for two years. This gave me confidence, just a little bit.

By the way, the three headed dog from earlier is already showing its belly

after one shot, respectively the three of them taking pose of submission.

Look, I won’t eat you. . . so please don’t stare at me with such teary eyes. . .

As you can see, the monsters here are weak. So weak as it’s possible for an ordinary townspoeple like me to defeat them.

Only their number were large. You will find another weak monster after walking a few steps. After these two years, there wasn’t any monsters that can win against me any more. As I said a short while ago, only their

number are large.

Even if it’s a piece a cake in a 1-on-1 battle, when they attacked in groups the degree of danger raised remarkably. Therefore people don't want to approach this mountain. Because monsters attacked in groups here.

Moreover, look at what were sleeping soundly in front of me.

After they were at ease because won’t be eaten, we from different races worked together to fight herd of monsters that suddenly appeared. Just before, some Fish-like and Cat-like monsters are cooperating to attack me. I was suprised, and unintentionally I--

[You guys! Let’s attack it together! Don’t let that Fish get away!!]

--told it. After looking at each other for awhile they started to move, I don’t know whether my words got through to them though.

Well, after living desperately in this mountain for two years, there is only one thing I want to do.

I want to meet people. . .

I only witnessing majestic nature violence and monsters in this past two years. Also, I just realized it after shouting to these guys, I haven't spoken for a long time. . .

That's why, right now I want to meet people, I want to make conversation by any means !!!

So I made up my mind! Let's get off the mountain!!

I was already familiar with the mountain, I can say it's just like my garden now so it's impossible to get lost.

Thus I was descended with the intent to meet people in my mind. While misunderstanding about various things about this Mountain. . .

Chapter 2 – I Get Off The Mountain And. . . It’s Forest

A Mountain in the center of the world's largest continent which nobody ever set foot on, nor even people dare to approach it. In certain altitude the climate will rapidly changes and it was impossible for humans to climb. Not even small footprints will remains in this place where natural disasters are just like a daily occurance. Also, this mountain is a place where the creatures called monster live.

There is a rank system in the human society to differentiate monsters, from the highest to the lowest rank are, "S • A • B • C • D • E • F". And here in this place you can easily find S-ranked monsters. Simply speaking of a S-rank monster strenght, it's to a degree as The Elite Knight from the major power will be annhilated when faced against it, or somehow they will be able to repel it in exchange for great casualities. In fact, they are on a level where human can’t do anything about it, just as natural disasters.

However, the maximum S-rank was only something that people arbitrarily decided. To tell the truth, in this mountain also exists monsters that exceeds even the S-rank. This is exactly why this mountain has become something of a taboo for people.

And right now, a man was coming down from this mountain .

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The forest was formed by high trees, it's so high that sunlight couldn’t reach the ground and make it hard to see what lies far ahead. While thinking about how wide the forest was, I walking and hanging around while eating nuts and fruit which I found.

[. . .Delishh] (Wazu)

Well, speaking of these nuts and fruits were delicius or not. . . I dare to say it was awesome. Particularly the one with a poisonous-looking color, it was very very delicous.

Honestly, I can tell this fruit and nut are really poisonous, I can distinguished them to some extent.

Probably. . . because these past two years I couldn't eat anythings decent, I got some strange-resistance as the result. . .

Certainly, when I was living in the mountain, I mainly eating monster meat!?

I put anything in my mounth in order to survive. . . Although I did survive, it was very hard in the begining. . . I was throwing up, my stomach hurt, numb, hallucinations, fever, my body temperature dropped, I was quite in unstable condition before got used to it. . .

I’m doing well to survive. . . I have worked so hard. . .

Compared to what I ate at that time, even this ordinary nut was very delicous! There are plenty but let’s eat it little by little! *munch. . munch. . mucnh. .*

Although I have no problem to walk in the forest alone, my heart still pounding uncontrolabe when thinking about meeting people. I wonder if it'll be allright. . . I wonder if I can speak properly. . . I wonder if there was no problem with my appearance?

Once, I was making small knife from a sharpened monster bone to cut my hair. My clothes were made of monster fur, I washed it properly in the river there was no smells left so there is nothing to worry about. Afterall the first impression is important.

[Aa~ Aa~ Uuu~] (Wazu)

It's bad. . . I'm too excited, I can't settle down.

Let's see, I have to properly look at the eyes of the other party. . . watch my tone as not to be rude. . . hmm? How do I starts a conversation again? First is greeting. . . and then do self introduction. . . then make a small talk. . . after that. . . after that. . . I wonder what I should talk about? I can't tell the events of the world because I was secluded in the mountain for the past two years.

What should I do. . . I can see myself stumbled upon conversation in the future.

First of all, let's gathering information by listening the people around, let's make it look like I came from the country side. . . there is no problem with money. . . since the money I had brought in when I ran away from the home remains intact, I have a few tens silver coins. . .

. . . I'm not crying. It was a reasonable amount of money that ordinary townspeople possessed! It was my entire fortune which I saved before I

went out from the Imperial capital!

However, when considering my future life, I have no choice except to going home because I don't have anyone to rely on. . . at this late hour, it is. . .

I gained a little power when I live in the mountain. When it comes to that, I can register as an adventurer and live a frugal-life with the coin earned from low-ranked request, something like collecting herbal maybe. . . not many, but I also want to make a friend. I won't meet my friend from the imperial city ever again. . .to able sharing a foolish tale with my new friend, such life are---

While I lost in thought, an arrow flew from the dinstance and hit on the fruit in my hand brilliantly.

[O~opss!!] (Wazu)

Well, I wasn't aware before. I thought that there is no time to avoided it, so I planning to catch it. I forgot that my hand was holding a fruit, so the arrow was stuck in a fruit just as it is. From the direction the flying arrow came, just a little far away somehow I can see a figure of person looking at my direction. Or rather, it was impossible for an arrow come flying by itself.

Again, my heart pounding.

At last, after 2 years I have an opportunity to make contact with human. . .

Yo~yosh! Here I comes!!

Without minding the other arrows that came flown at me, I walking to that place. After awhile I noticed that there were more than one person over there. Oh to suddenly meet so many people. . . I'm at a disadvantage here. I

can’t give a response when they all talk to me at once.

. . . should I retreat?

[Release that child !!!]

[Discard your weapon and surrender quitely if you don’t want to be hurt !!!]

The moment I heard their voice, I threw up the fruits and nuts in my hand and started to run.

Chapter 3 - It's Suddenly Falling

I rushed to a place where people were gathered.

A group of about 5 or 6 people, including a dirty-man who was holding a child while pointing a small knife.

Also there are three people, a woman and men who were confronted them.

Th-this is. . . it’s seems the child was kidnaped. . . no, nono I can’t just jump to conclusions. Maybe the Dirty-man’s group were good guys here---

[Whys there a brat in this kind of place? Well whatever, we also can sell him together with this child]

---I don’t think so. Yup, they are the bad guys.

However, you know what. . . I wasn't scared at all.

When on the mountain I felt a little bit of danger from the monsters there, but recently I can't feel anything. . .

Hmmm, I think they will manage it somehow.

Those guys are not a big deal. Such small fries, even I have a little confidence that I could handle it by myself. . . of course it was impossible for me until just recently. But still I can't let my guard down. Although I survived in the mountain, I'm still an ordinary man. I have to properly look at the opponent, and be ready to move anytime---

[Heeh what's wrong brat, are you too scared to move? Hey!! Someone go catch that brat!!]

After the Dirty-man gave a command, from his group, a man full of scars came to approach me. Usually this kind of opponent is strong. . . right? Or not? I mean, maybe he is full of scars because he's weak and gets injured a lot. It must be hard, but I can not feel sorry for him because he is a bad guy.

While the Scarred-man approached, the group of men and women didn't spare a single glance at me. Apparently they are not interested and were just staring at the child who was caught.

Eh? Are they ignorong me? It's not like that, right? They must be just too focused with the child, right?

I will stay here okay~!! Let's shake hands later. . .

Hmm, from the three people I think the woman in front is the most approachable.

Let’s stop thinking unnecessary stuff, I must not lost sight of what's in front of my eyes.

[Hey brat, if you don’t want to get hurt, just quietly listen to what I say]

The moment Scarred-man tried to catch me, I disappeared from his line of sight.

[Huh?]

The scared-man has lost sight of me.

I appeared in font of the Dirty-man with the knife who held the child. There, I smelled something stinky. You should properly wipe your body and wash you clothes~! What if the children also become stinky because of you~!

[Hoi~hoo!!] (Wazu)

baki!! *boki!!*

I hit a hand of the dirty-man which held the knife and pulled the child.

Eh? Just now I heard some strange sound, surely his hands not broken, right? It’s impossible, indeed.

[Gya~aaaaa!!]

The Dirty-man is screaming.

I held the children between the dirty-man and these three people. Oh they noticed me. Finally they noticed me. I didn't look in the direction of the three people in particular so I was late in realizing it.

Huh? These three people. . . have pointed ears!?

It's Elves!

These three people, and the child are Elves. Do you understand now? This Dirty-man's group tried to kidnap an Elf child to be sold for gold to a slave dealer. Or maybe someone had been asking them secretly. . .

Either way these weak guys are no match for Elves, even if I just watch from the back.

Well. . . I have rescued the child, I wonder what should I do now? It would be nice if we could talk, but what should we talking about?

Because I didn't say anything, the two Elves are little flustered. This child also for some reason didn't try to move away from me, are you hurt somewhere? Those guys also begun to make a ruckus after seeing the Dirty-man scream. The Elf which seemed to be the leader had rushed to them since awhile ago.

[The enemy of mine listened to the sound of wind which called their death]

Kiin- - -

Just like a blade, the wind flew to the dirty-mans group along with high-pitched sound for a brief moment. Caught off guard, their body got slashed by the blade of wind. The blood splashed and they are no longer moving.

Ma~magic. It's the first time I saw magic. If I'm not mistaken, it put magic power into words to alter phenomenon, right? Also the magic strength is

depended on their level. . . it's so cool. . .

Oops, come to think of there is still the Scarred-man. . .

He was in a place that was a little away from us, using this oppurtunity he tried to escape as not to receive the same fate as his friends, but soon scattering his life by the two Elves hands.

I was looking at the scene in front of my eyes, (of course, I closed the child's eyes with my hand as not to see it) I was fascinated with magic I saw for the first time. I changed my line of sight at the Elf woman

Slender body with shining silver hair that extended to the waist. On her hips, she was armed with jewelry-like knife and at her back she was carrying a bow .

I think I was charmed by her.

Well, this is something that naturaly happened without me realize it.

The silver haired elf woman turning around towards me.

[Thank you very much Stranger, you really helped us]

She said so with a thin smile blooming on her face.

badump the moment I saw her smile, I feel something jumps inside my chest.

Chapter 4 - Encounter With The Elves

The silver-haired Elf thanked me

[. . . . .] (Wazu)

Huh? I wonder why. . . my voice doesn't come out.

Moreover I think my cheeks became somewhat hot. I will be suspicious if not give a reply soon!!

Umm. . . umm. . . what should I say in this kind of situation? Anything is good, I just need to say something. . . ah look she is waiting for my reply, please don't stare with such eyes. . .

What now!! I can't think of anything!!

Damn, why I can't speak well in the crucial time. My long-awaited conversation after 2 years, it's feels so far away. Elf-san too, what it is? Huh? Is there something on my face? Looking at me with such face. Cute. . .

Haa!!

No, not that!!

The child also turning her eyes towards me with worry, shit!!!

This is putting more pressure on me.

Calm down, I just need to say something. Let's take a deep breath, surely there must be something I can say! Something. . . something. . . something. . .

[I've charmed since the first time I saw ~ ~ ~ ! ! ! ! !] (Wazu)

. . . Noo, What the heck is that!?

My head instantly went cold. Aah I'm messed up this time. I know it. Yeah I'm understand it clearly. It's just happened like that, I didn't believe what I just say myself, but everything can't be taken back anymore. I accept it, I will accept anything that she will say. Please do not escape my body, calm down my legs, together let's accept the disgrace. Doing so, I have fortified my resolution.

[Hey-hey]

[Ha-ha hahaha]

Two laughs resounded into my consciousness, the man voice give an amazed feeling and the woman voice, it's sound as if she is having fun. Two people who just getting rid of the Scarred-man walked slowly to my place.

[Boy, what the hell are you talking about all of sudden?]

[Isn't it good? I think he is a funny kid, you also think so. . . right, Sarona?]

[You there, he just help Siena, shouldn't you thanked him first?] (Sarona)

Sarona. . . I think it’s a beautiful name.

[Yeah sorry, thank you very much]

[I know, I know, thank you for helping Siena]

[Ah no, sorry for suddenly saying something stange] (Wazu)

I lightly lowered my head, while at it I take a glance at Sarona-san, she is showing a big smile on her face.

[Onii-chan, thank you for helping] (Siena)

Siena is also saying thank you.

When she called me Onii-chan I remember my sister who I left in the Imperial City, I gently stroking Siena head. I wonder if she is doing fine. . .

[Well, it’s not like we are doubting you, but why are you alone in this kind of place?] (Sarona)

I just noticed haven’t introduced myself when Sarona-san referred me with ‘You’.

[Umm. . . first where should I starts. . . Ah my name is Wazu. Well, because

of various things I just come down from THAT mountain, when on my way to go through this forest I suddenly heard a cry so I rushed here. . .] (Wazu)

While explaining, I pointed towards “the mountain” I have been living for 2 years.

[Wait a second, the mountain you referred just a little while ago, is that some kind of joke?]

[Yeah really, we don’t know how we should react? For elves that life in this forest, that mountain is not something that can be laughed off]

[??] (Wazu)

Joke? Laugh?

I’m just telling the truth about myself though. But for some reason my words was taken as joke, I feels a little discomfot. Well it’s better to not mind it. Instead, I just want to know the location of nearest town. But Sarona-san suddenly give a remark.

[let’s see, I will tell you that later but first why don’t you come to our village? We are feeling indebted to you for helping Siena so let us give you something in return] (Sarona)

[That’s right, if it’s just simple dinner I can make it]

[Huh? how’s rare for you to be like that!! Maybe there will be monster horde attack tomorrow?]

[Say what. . .]

Sarona-san seems to be having fun looking at these two people tease each other. I was stroking Siena head while looking at the three of them, It's sure has been long time.

I accept Sarona's offer for going to Elf village. Sarona-san is walking ahead as guide, the remaining two people were talking to me profusely. Apparently, it's unusual for them to be so friendly with the people they have just met. I know their name from the conversation, the man is Yuyuna and the women is Ruruna. The two are twins, Yuyuna is tall-man with little hanging-eyes and Ruruna body is little plump, she has droopy eyes that gives a gentle feeling.

We exchanged fun conversation while heading to the Elf village. I want to talk with Sarona-san, but words doesn't come out well before Sarona-san. Muuu. . .

And then, we had reached Elf village inside the forest.

A bunch of Elves were standing in front of Elf village, one woman from them was running over here. Siena also move away from me when saw her. The two of them were hugged each other while crying. It's her mother, surely. . .

The other Elves were saying "thank you" or "well done" to the Sarona-san's group. I separated from the three to watch from side. . . hmmm, I noticed someone from the crowd that directing some kind of malicious feeling towards Sarona-san's group.

Chapter 5 – Everyday Life In The Village

Two weeks have passed since I came to the Elf village. For me who longing to meet people, this two weeks was very fun. Everything was fresh and new because it was the first time I saw an Elf village. Every house was on the top of a tree, but there is no ladder or stairs. I wonder how they can enter the house, but it seems they are using wind magic to float themselves in.

Apparently Elves have a high aptitude for wind magic, come to think of it Sarona-san was also using this magic to attack the Dirty-man's group. Since I don't have magic power, I can't use any magic. I was being arried by Yuyuna to enter his house, it's really embarassing. By the way Yuyuna and Ruruna provided me a place to stay in their house.

I was also suprised by the food. They didn't seem to eat meat that much, instead there are various herbs and plants that are abundant in the forest. They eat fruits as it is or make a jam with it. They also make dried fruits to be stored as a preserved food.

Hmm, as I thought every Elf was handsome and beauties. Though Siena still has an appearance of a child, there is no doubt she will also become a beauty in the future.

Nevertheless, the most beautiful Elf is still Sarona-san.

According to Yuyuna and Ruruna, Sarona-san is the strongest Elf in this

village. Shes also the top executive of the village defense force called “Morito”. Sarona-san is amazing as expected.

After one week, the two noticed my feeling towards Sarona-san. Well it goes without saying because I’m always looking at Sarona-san. They had been grinning all the way on my back, just leave me alone. At the same time I’m feeling grateful to the two because they have told me many things about Sarona-san.

Or rather they are worried about Sarona-san. Apparently she is too serious with her job as Morito and seems not interested in love, this is a big problem, indeed.

Miss-Serious it is, that’s also nice. . .

When I asked whether I was good enough to be her partner, they were spechless for some reason. It seems they will support me though.

After this one week, with the help of these two I always try to finding occasion to spend my time with Sarona-san. We are talking about various things like a story about myself or Sarona-san, also going together to collect herbs and edible wild plants in the forest. It was quite a happy time. When she is worrying about me, I’m really happy. . .

But this happy time will come to the end before we noticed it. The malice that I felt the first time when I came to the village was taking shape and slowly approached us.

At the night of that day, I and Sarona-san came to Yuyuna and Ruruna house only to find they was in bed, of course they were not doing anything illicit. They seemed to be drunk after drinking some liquor. They are brooding on

something about Saron-san, but when I asked they never gave me a response. Didn't you say you will help me? I didn’t understand the circumstances so I can’t do anything about it.

The next morning, I wake up but nobody was in the house. I went out to check the outside and saw everybody was gathered in a circle at the center of village. I who can’t use magic clung to tree to get off. This is unsightly so I hope nobody see it.

When I approached the circle I found that there are two people, man and woman on the ring. The woman is Sarona-san and the man, is someone I didn’t know. It seems Sarona-san was just about to fight the man. I don’t know the situation so I was looking for Yuyuna and Ruruna and found them right behind Sarona-san.

[Yuyuna, Ruruna, can you tell me what the heck is going on?] (Wazu)

[Hmm? Oh you woke up. Well it’s just as you can see] (Yuyuna)

[That guy Gazuna was aiming for the top position in Morito and challenged Sarona to a duel with a condition the loser has to leave the village] (Ruruna)

[Huh? Leave the village? Did Sarona-san accepted it?] (Wazu)

It’s hard for me to believe

[Oh, it’s looks like you are quite worried. Well it’s has been decided since yesterday night, and the preparation also has been completed. That Gazuna bastard, Sarona is just like a relatives to us. Oh well

just rest assured because Sarona won't lose to a guy like him] (Yuyuna)

[Yeah, Gazuna has a bad personality, I also don't like him! no matter how much he want that position, without respect and camaraderie he is not qualified] (Ruruna)

The two had been telling me that, I look at the man called Gazuna. He has a handsome face, I don't want to admit it but as expected of an Elf. He is lifting the edge of his mouth, smiling an ugly smile as if he is laughing to what is about to happen with Sarona-san.

Also Sarona-san's clothes, she is wearing an overall short up and down to ease the movement (the line from her thight to her foot. . . it's spendid) and Gazuna had covered his body with a black robe down from the neck. I think he is hiding something below his robe ~ I'm sure about it.

I look at the surrounding and then---

[Ah, it's impossible. This fellow is no good]

[[Right?]]

---they say so while whispering and holding their laugh.

Chapter 6 – The Malice Is Taking Shape

[Well then, a battle to determined the top position at Morito will be started. Are the both parties ready?]

[Yes] (Sarona)

[Yeah] (Gazuna)

An Elf walked between Sarona and Gazuna to ask final confirmation before the battle began. According to Yuyuna and Ruruna apparently that person is the village chief. Indeed, he has a dignified aura around him.

[Good, you will be fighting inside the barrier, also other people will be forbid to enter. Neither of you can go out until the winner is decided] (Village chief)

[Just like you proposed the loser has to leave the village, I don't have any intention to take your life] (Sarona)

[Oh, it's not like I want to take your life. That's right I just want crushed your spirit , so give me the best show] (Gazuna)

[I see. . .] (Sarona)

After saying that much, they respectively took out a weapon. Sarona-san used her gem-decorated knife and Gazuna apparently will use a long sword. The two readied their weapon, once again the village chief confirmed these two before coming back to the spectator seats.

[Okay, then with this a condition has been determined-----

Everyone here shall become the witness] (Village chief)

Village chief casted a magic, a semi-circular shape with slightly bluish light, a transparent barrier has covered the arena.

. . . . *kon kon*. It’s hard, but likely would break if I knocked it seriously. But I won’t do it though.

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[Begin.....!!!] (Village chief)

Gazuna was moving along with the village chief signal to start the duel. He launched a thrust to utilizing the reach difference between the long sword and knife. A sharp thrust, Sarona-san changed its track effortsly with her knife. To break his balance, Sarona-san launched multiplied feint attack to Gazuna's face, using the rotation of her body She unleashed a round-kick that landed in Gazuna's abdomen, but the person who showed anguished expression was Sarona-san.

[Damn, this impact..... iron? But, under the robe was ordinary clothes. Then is this because of the robe?] (Sarona)

[As expected Sarona! That’s quite insightful of you. That's right, this robe could exhibits the hardness of iron when your channeling magic power. I got this thing from a certain peddler recently! Be it knife or Taijutsu, it won’t work against me anymore!! Now, what to do Sarona-chaaaan] (Gazuna)

Ah, that’s quite something he had, no wonder he wants to brag.

[I see.....] (Sarona)

Sarona-san only give a short response. She sheathed the knife on her waist and narrowed her eyes. At that moment, with explosive movement she close the distance with Gazuna and with full power stepped on his tip toe which isn’t covered by robe. That must have hurt~

This time, still floating expression of anguish, Sarona-san grabbed his robe and launched a headbutt. That also looked painful~

Nevertheless the attack didn’t end there. Gazuna fell on his back after receiving a leg-sweep, Sarona-san beat his face eagerly while riding on him.

Forgive me Sarona-san, but right now I was afraid of you. I mean, she did it with an expressionless face. For going to that extent..... is this because he called her with “-chan”? Yuyuna and Ruruna also seems to be slightly scared. I have to becareful as well, yeah..... yeah.....

Oh she is done, Sarona-san slowly stood and took some dinstance after somehow satisfied with beating-up Gazuna.

[It’s no use. You can try any kind of measure to face me but it will be meaningless. If you can’t understand that much, you must be an idiot?] (Sarona)

Oh Sarona-san gave a harsh remark, but I think he won’t answer your question or rather I don’t think he can speak right now.

Or so I thought---

[kukuku. . . as expected of Sarona, the strongest Morito. When angered there is no mercy at all, how fearsome, trully] (Gazuna)

Gazuna stood up while throwing a joke, his face that got beaten little by little back to normal, floating twisted smile. He was likely doing something, I wonder what he's still hiding up his sleeve?

[The bruise is being healed..... I see, it’s vague but I feel some magic emitting from the robe..... automatic recovery magic is it?] (Sarona)

[That’s right Sarona, no matter how much you attacked me is useless. Why don’t you give up already?] (Gazuna)

[What nonsense. Is that where your confidence come from? Such things only enough to buy you some time] (Sarona)

[..... fufufu, ah that’s right! It would be only temporary!! But, it doesn’t matter!! Sarona! I will give you a taste of despair!!!] (Gazuna)

Saying that, Gazuna took out a black ball from the robe.

[And this will fulfill my desire!

“O gospel of the great darkness, grant me with my wish”] (Gazuna)

Reacted to Gazuna words, a black light released from the ball and filled my field of vision but soon disappeared into its source in the blink of an eye. Although a black light from earlier has disappeared, the black ball on Gazuna hand was proved that it was reality. Sarona-san closed and opened her hand to confirm whether there was an abnormality in her body.

[What was that? What are you trying to do?] (Sarona)

- - - - - dokkun! - - - - -

I wonder what? Just now, I heard something such as heartbeat..... but everyone around just acting normally, didn’t you hear that? Umm..... it’s just my imagination, I’m sure..... hmm? Somehow the ground is shaking, isn't it?

dododo dododo dododo !!!!!

Something akin to a large crowds footstep was heard from the distance, heading over here at full speed.....

Chapter 7 – The Feeling Name Is “Jealousy”

[Gazuna!! You, what on earth did you do?] (Sarona)

Probably Sarona-san also sensed something unusual happening. She seems to be impatient. The Elves around also started to get restless because of the tremors and the sound that was echoing around.

[Hey-hey what’s going on?] (Ruruna)

[That’s, I don’t know either. . .] (Yuyuna)

The two also seems anxious

[What is happening. . . if you want to know, why don’t you ask that guy?] (Wazu)

These two dropped their jaw when I pointed my finger at Gazuna. Following the two, other Elves also directed their line of sight at him. Gazuna was looking down while covering his mouth with a hand.

[Gazuna don’t play dumb, explain yourself!!] (Village Chief)

Village chief was enraged. Hear that, Gazuna released his hand from His mouth and slowly raising his face. He said with a detestable smile on his face.

[You must be worried!! Stupid and funny Elves!! Would you like to know what happens? Then let me tell you!! Because I'd like to see you in despair] (Gazuna)

I say, just tell us already!

[Right now, with the power of the Black Ball! More than a hundred monster which live in the mountain foot will be flooding this place!!] (Gazuna)

[[[What!!]]]

The Elves around were astonished to hear that, a panic spreading. He only said it was monsters from the mountain, and I thought "Oh, well". I mean those guys are weak. Rather, I didn't understand why they were in so much of a panic. Already some of the Elves are trying to escape to their homes.

[HAHAHAHAHAHA!!! Suffer, suffer!!! Run around to escape, you stupid Elves! !!] (Gazuna)

[Do you realize what you did! Gazuna!!] (Sarona)

[I understood very well! Saronaaa!!] (Gazuna)

Sarona-san thrust her knife many times furiously at Gazuna, but had been stopped by the long sword and robe that exhibits the hardness of iron.

[Hey, for now we need to take shelter in the house] (Yuyuna)

[Bu-but Sarona is?] (Ruruna)

[It’s fine, she's protected by barrier. No matter how many monsters come, I guarantee that it can not break] (Yuyuna)

[That’s right. . .] (Ruruna)

[Wazu! We also have to leave this place immediately] (Yuyuna)

[Eh?] (Wazu)

Yuyuna told me to come inside their house, Ruruna also followed him. Hmm, because I’m worried about Sarona-san, I wanted to remain in this place. But considering the two, it’s better to followed them. Well fortunately, their house is close to this place.

Sarona-san has been attacking with kicks and slashes using her Taijutsu and knife against Gazuna. Because of the automatic recovery and defense power from the robe, no decisive blow was getting made. But still, I didn’t think Sarona-san would lose. Automatic recovery of the robe is a finite. When the magic powers exhausted, it just an ordinary robe.

. . . I'm sure but, anxiety still remains in my mind.

[Why. . . why did you do such a thing!!] (Sarona)

[Why it is. . . it's because of you Sarona!! I became this way because you are here! ! !] (Gazuna)

The words stopped Sarona-san movement for a moment. Gazuna long sword got a chance to grazed her left arm.

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Finally, monsters invaded the village.

The vast number, more than a hundred monster had filled and surrounded the village. Monsters also got attracted by the barrier. The Elves that escaped to their homes saw this scene while trembling in fear, a child had burts into tears. Yuyuna's and Ruruna's faces turn pale while discussing whether they could do something about the situation. After confirming the surrounding situation, I returned my eyes to the barrier where Sarona-san was. She is looking at the situation around and returned her line of sight at Gazuna.

[Is this what you wished for?] (Sarona)

[That's right. But it's not the end of it] (Gazuna)

[. . . . . You said I'm the cause. What do you mean?] (Sarona)

[. . . . . Sarona. Since a long time ago, without putting any efforts people always called you a genius. I was working hard. . . I was also excellent compared to anyone. But you always stand on the top. . . you won't understand my feeling!!! You are just an obstacle for me!!!] (Gazuna)

[Damn. . .] (Sarona)

Gazuna had begun to seriously launch attacks this time. He repeatedly launched slashes with his long sword. Sarona-san stopped it with her knife and sometime avoided it with her body.

[Hahaha!! Hey-hey what's wrong? Why don't you use your magic? You can't get out of the barrier if you don't kill me, don't you want to help the people in the village?] (Gazuna)

[Uuu. . .] (Sarona)

[It's impossible right!! Because I'm also a person from this village!! Because you cherish everyone in this village!! But, is this alright? Do you have time to worry about it? If you don't end this fast, everyone other than us will die!!] (Gazuna)

[Why you. . .] (Sarona)

Sarona-san raised her left hand to the front. . . but she stopped and didn't move from that position.

[Fufu! Hahahahaha!! How unsighty! It's ridiculous! Your magic is too strong right! That's righ Sarona!! Your kindness is only your weakness!!!] (Gazuna)

[. . . . .] (Sarona)

Sarona-san clenching her lips, and was bleeding a little.

Yup. It’s decided.

I look back at the two and raised my hand with *shubi* while smiling on my whole face.

[I will going for a moment] (Wazu)

[[Huh?]] (Yuyuna / Ruruna)

I said so to the two and jump from the house.

Chapter 8 - Unconscious Monster

I am falling from the house. . .

Well you see, I can't use magic so flying is out of the question. I can't get down except with this method. I heard two screams from the direction of house. I can't hear it well so I try to focusing my attention but what reached my ears was flapping sounds and monster's roaring.

Their flying over the forest.

The large number of bird type monster approached because they thought I was food. Each of the houses had been encased in a barrier, because of that they change their target to me.

They closed in order to cath me who was falling. And then---

bokkon-----!!!

I hit it. I was hitting it lightly. But the beak were shattered..... huh?

Hey was the beak this fragile.... well, whatever. Using the momentum, I rotated my body to unleash a kick to a monster's face, it flew towards the other bird-type monster.

The flying monsters were suprised and trying to turn their body to escape but it was too late. I kicked another monster, a bone breaking sound was heard. While at it I grab another monster's foot and use my falling momentum to throw it to the ground---

bakkan-----!!!

It was slammed, with full blast.

..... Oh the ground were gouged out. Was the soil of this area brittle? I landed near the fallen monster, but the surrounding monsters were instantly attacking.

One-eyed muscullar Cyclops shot its big fist at me. I caught the fist with my hand, at the same moment I rotated the Cyclops.

[Eat this!!] (Wazu)

I rotated it 3 times. The surrounding monsters were devastated by the Cyclops body, I throw it and started to run towards the barrier in the center of monster crowd. But monsters appeared one after another as to block my way. I caught a monster and did the same thing as before. Because a large number of monsters I repeated this process while advancing. Oh the next are Wolves.

[Yo! Sarona-san, are you allright?] (Wazu)

I arrived in front of the barrier.

Behind me, The vast number of monster corpses were lying around. Sarona-

san was taken aback, hmm?

[Huh? Sarona-san?] (Wazu)

[.....Eh, Wazu-san..... how could you be here?] (Sarona)

[How? I just came normally?] (Wazu)

[..... Just..... came..... normally] (Sarona)

Sarona-san checking my back, sweat was dripping from her forehead. Huh? Are you suprised? Was there something to be surprised? Hmm. . .

Oh well. Gazuna is somewhat petrified but I don't care because I hate this guy.

[Then I will beat the monsters around here, Sarona-san you just need to settle your fight with Gazuna! I'm rooting on you! Good luck!] (Wazu)

[Ah yes..... Wazu-san as well..... hmm..... do your best?] (Sarona)

[Yes!! I will do my best!!!] (Wazu)

I clenched my fist, I was fired up.....

She told me to do my best. Allright, bring it on!

But, even though I was full of motivation the monster were stepped back. Huh? Come! Bring it on!

. . . . . You won't come?

Haa~~. Then it can't be helped.

If this is what you want. . . . . I will come to get you.

I rushed to the monster before me.

But.

The monsters run away at full speed to escaping from me.

Ha? Why do you run away? Wait a minute!! I just thought of defeated you all in front of Sarona-san to looks cool, why do you run away? Damn you ruined it!! Or rather, I must be looks funny right now ~ ~ ~ !!!

[..... that, what the hell are you?] (Gazuna)

Having understood the currrent situation, finally Gazuna spoke while his face turned pale.

[Huh? I wonder, I just a person who is under the village's care just recently] (Wazu)

[That’s not what I want to hear!!] (Gazuna)

[Huuh.....] (Wazu)

Then what on earth do you want to hear? More importantly, I don’t want to talk with a guy like you.

The other Elves still didn’t come out from their houses that were protected by barriers. Huh? Although those guys have run away and won’t come anymore. More importantly, at this state Gazuna will keep talking to me right? That’s, I hate it. Yuyuna, Ruruna! Get down here!!

[.....Impossible..... that’s impossible. Those monsters are at least B rank] (Gazuna)

Gazuna’s words have no end.

At last pay attention to your surrounding a little. Sarona-san was, using this chance while Gazuna spoke to me she launched an attack with her knife. But the wound was being healed by automatic recovery in an instant. Still Sarona-san didn’t stop her attack. She keep attacking, defending, and so on.

[Haa. . . Haa. . .] (Sarona)

[Haa. . . Haa. . .] (Gazuna)

They continued with offense and defense for a while and distances each other. Their breathing are disorder. Sarona-san’s physical strenght dropped because she keep moving around, and Gazuna magic seems about to exhausted because he keep using his robe. They were both in the same condition, but it’s likely Sarona-san has the upper-hand.

[Gazuna, why don’t you give up already? When your magics exhausted, even your life will be in danger. Now that such thing was done it's no longer any use, but at least your life---] (Sarona)

[Hahaha!!! I don’t care anymore..... I thought I would exterminate everyone in front of your eyes but I changed my mind. So.....

I’ll kill you first!! Sarona!!] (Gazuna)

Gazuna took out a Red Ball from the robe and tossed it to his mouth.

Chapter 9 - The Result Of Expectation

[Gaaaaaaaaa!!!!!] (Gazuna)

Gazuna roared, shortly after he ate the Red Ball his body transformed. His eyes became blood-shot while its white part turned black, his face cracked as if broken, black wings like a bats's and tail with an arrow shaped tip grew from the back, his limbs swelled up with nails that sharply increased and extended.

[AHAHAHAHA!!!!! WHAT IS THIS, MY BODY OVERFLOWING WITH POWER!!! I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING!!! WHY DIDN'T THAT PEDDLER COME FROM LONG AGO?] (Gazuna)

Hmmm. . . . . what are you doing now? I can't keep up with the situation at all. Ah that thing? Is the Red Ball a cause?

[Ga~Gazuna. . . . . what is that appearance?] (Sarona)

[HAHAHAHAHA!!! ARE YOU CONCERNED, BY SUCH A THING? MORE IMPORTANTLY, RIGHT NOW!! YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF!!] (Gazuna)

The transformed Gazuna moved in front of Sarona-san in the blink of an eye. His big arm took a backswing and Sarona-san received it with her knife. The knife stuck in to his arm but wasn't able to stop the momentum. She was blown away just like that and her body slammed into the barrier.

[Guuh] (Sarona)

Sarona-san fell to the ground.

[OI SARONAA~! WHERE IS IT!! YOUR STRENGHT FROM BEFORE!! I JUST TAPPED YOU A LITTLE!! IT'S UNFORTUNATE SARONA!! YOU HAVE NO WHERE TO ESCAPE INSIDE THE BARRIER, NOBODY WILL COME TO HELP YOU!! ONLY "DEATH" AWAITSING YOU] (Gazuna)

As he said so, he pulled out the knife that was stuck in his arm and crushed it with his bare hand. Little by little Sarona-san felt terror as he approached her.

Phew. . . . . that's impossible for Sarona-san. It's the Elves problem and although I didn't want to play my hand as much as possible, compared to Sarona-san's death, it's an insignificant problem for me.

Thus I clenched my fist firmly while standing in front of the barrier. In front of my eyes Sarona-san was lying down.

[. . . . . Wazu-san. Please run away from this place with all the people from the village, I will buy some time, somehow] (Sarona)

[HAHAHAHA!! YOU LOT!! LOOK CAREFULLY HOW SARONA WILL

DIE IN MY HAND, LOOK AT HOW HELPLESS SHE IS BEFORE MY POWER!!!] (Gazuna)

I swung my fist through the barrier with only the light force. It seemed it would cause unnecessary damage if I put too much power in.

pariiiiiin!!

The barrier that separated me with Sarona-san had became particles and then disappeared to the sky.

[[[[Haa?]]]]

Sarona-san, transformed Gazuna, Yuyuna, Ruruna, and other Elves, everyone except me spat out the same word in unison. You sure get along well, as expected from people of the same village. It seems they can't grasp at the situation well, but I can’t wait you know?

[Here I come ~] (Wazu)

Turning my arm while saying so, I slowly walked to Gazuna who was standing before me. He just silently looked at my direction, but suddenly his eyes turned sharp.

[GAAAAAA!!] (Gazuna)

He tried to bisect me with his nails but I stopped it with my hand easily. He screamed at me just like a monster, not just his appearance. Still on it, this

time his other hand approached me from the opposite direction, but that was also stopped with my other hand. Gazuna put all his strength in order to move his hands but they did not budge an inch. His face turned red while trying to shake off my hands.

This time he opened his mouth wide, from there some kind of black light come out. I unleashed a backfist and moved back at once. It’s hot!

Gazuna moved a few steps backward staggering, his face seemed to want to say something with disbelief. He Immediately widening the dinstance.

[What next?] (Wazu)

I said it with a big smile. Gazuna pointed his trembling finger at me.

[WH. . . . . WHAT. . . . . WHAT THE HELL. . . . . ARE YOU?] (Gazuna)

That again. I told you before that I am just a human.

[ARE YOU. . . . REALLY. . . . . A HUMAN?] (Gazuna)

That’s rude. I moved one step forward with a sullen face. Gazuna moved a few steps further back.

Oii! ain't he frightened? Oh well, I’m more concerned about Sarona-san, so let’s end it quickly. I slowly raised my arm for Gazuna to see, then slowly clenched it to fist.

[DON’T COME!! WHY!! WHY'S IT ALWAYS ME!! SARONA, AND

NOW YOU, WHY DOES EVERYBODY ALWAYS GET IN MY WAY!! ~ ~ ~ ~ ~] (Gazuna)

[It’s not my intention though] (Wazu)

It was at that moment when Gazuna tried to escape

[It’s ....] (Wazu)

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[It’s just because I LIKE SARONA-SAN!!!] (Wazu)

In that instant, I hit Gazuna’s face a little seriously

Huh?

I. . . just now. . . what did I say again? Somehow I was caught in the mood, and said my feeling towards Sarona-san. . .

Uhh. . . I did it

What should I do. . . my face became somewhat hot. I can’t look at Sarona-san directly. It’s no use.

While I'm at it, let’s take a look at Gazuna's condition.

Gazuna sank into the ground and lost consciousness. It seems he's not dead. Well, it's somewhat fine? He won't die just because of my punch.

The Red Ball came out from Gazuna's mouth an then turned into particles and then disappeared just like that. His body turned back to the original Elf.

No, it's different to be precise. It's an Elf for certain, but his whole body cracked.

I looked back without thinking

Ahh

There Sarona-san is standing with reddened cheeks. I recall the words I just said earlier, my mouth suddenly drying, my body can't move.

[. . . . well. . . . that's. . . . about Wazu-san's words from earlier. . .] (Sarona)

Guhh

[I appreciate. . . . . your feelings. . . . .

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I’m sorry!!! BUT---] (Sarona)

I ran away from that place at full speed.

Chapter 10 - Idle Talk : Sarona

It was when we confronted the bandits who kidnapped Siena in the forest, that I met him.

I was looking for a chance to rescued Siena from the bandits. From the direction of a thief I was shoot with an arrow, another man appeared. He wore clothes which seems made of a monster's fur and leather. He has no sword, or rather he wasn't carrying a weapon or anything. I wonder what he is doing inside the forest. . . I feel no hostility, so I thought to ignored him.

One of the bandits begin to walk towards the man.

In the blink of an eye, he came to this side and rescued Siena. Using this chance I wiped out the bandits with my magic. It ended, unconsciously I thought so. I conveyed words of gratitude to the person who rescued Siena.

But, he was solidified for some reason when he saw me. I wonder why? Is there something on my face?

[I have decided it since the first time I saw~~~!!!!!] (Wazu)

I didn't understand what he was talking about.

After that, we found out that Siena benefactor's name was Wazu. He asked about the location of the nearest town, but instead we guide him to the Elf Village. I walk ahead as a guide. Behind me, Sieana was clinging to Wazu-san and Yuyuna and Ruruna were also talking with him profusely.

That's sounds fun. . .

Siena's mother came running to us from inside the village. They are embracing each other, it's good everything was over. . .

Apparently Wazu-san will stay at Yuyuna and Ruruna place for awhile, I was told by these two. Really, it seems to be fun. . . Would you stay overnight? I declined when Ruruna asked me. Someone like me will just spoil the mood. . .

I never missed my training since I was a child. Without me realizing, the people around me started to lionize me as a genius, I really worked hard to meet their expectation. Finally I stood in the apex of Morito, but when I looked back I was all alone. Friends or lover, nobody was there fo me. However, Yuyuna and Ruruna sill treat me as an equal. What a lonely life. . .

But Wazu-san was different, he often talked with me. We also went to the forest to pick herbs and edible plants together. It was nothing special but I was happy.

2 weeks have passed since Wazu-san come to this village. . . I think something has changed inside me. I'm feeling happy whenever Wazu-san talk to me, and then my heart become calm. But, looking at Wazu-san talking to another Elf woman, I feels somewhat pain on my chest, it's really unpleasant.

Ruruna. . . you are a little too close with Wazu-san. . . .

And then, On a certain day there was a call from the village chief. Gazuna has challenged me to a duel, in addition there was conditions to leave the village for the loser. Gazuna's certainly an unpleasant person, but he is still a fellow of the village. I can't underestimated his power, however I didn't see myself losing to him. Because he proposed a duel, there must be a considerable resolution and decision.

I wondering whether I should accept it or not. No, I should accept it, I understand that much. But still, I can't make up my mind. Because of that. . . my foot went to Wazu-san place as if a natural thing. I just want to be near him until I can solidify my determination.

On the next day I confronted Gazuna.

I was astonished by the power of his robe. However that won't be enough to defeat me but suddenly a horde of monsters filled the village, honestly I didn't know what I should do. Although they are from the mountain foot, it's still B-rank at minimal with some of A-rank monsters mixed in. It's monsters that I alone can't win against. My heart was filled with frustation.

I tried to cast magic but no words came out. I won't hesitate to use it on bandits or monsters, but Gazuna is still my fellow villager. Although I despised him, I still can't directed my magic at him. . .

And then Wazu-san has appeared in front of me.

Huh? Wazu-san? How could you be here? When I sent quick glance at Wazu-san's back, a vast number of monster corpses were lying around.

[~I'm rooting on you! Good luck!] (Wazu)

Huh? What did you just say? You will drive out the monsters? It's a lie right? But for some reason the monsters were running away from the village. . . Ah it's good that Wazu-san was unharmed.

Gazuna's magic seems about to be exhausted but he still doesn't want to give up and intended to prolong the fight. But I will end it immediately.

Gazuna swallowed a red ball and his body transformed. His appearance it's not an Elf anymore, he looked like a different creature as if something called "Devil" that appear in the story.

I focused my eyes at him, but because of the fatigue my body was a little late to react. I pierced my knife at the last moment but his attack didn't stop, my body was blown off onto the barrier. Somehow I still have my consciousness but my body can't move, in front of me Gazuna crushed my favorite knife with his bare hand. Damn it. . .

When I saw Wazu-san on the other side of barrier I told him to run away together with everyone. However such worry was unnecessary---

pariiiiiin!!

The barrier is gone. No, it was destroyed.

Wazu-san. . . what on earth are you. . .

Wazu-san was cornering the transformed Gazuna. In the meantime I slowly stand up and checked my body condition. And then such thing has entered my ears

[~because I like Sarona-san!!!] (Wazu)

. . . . . Eeeeeeeeeh?

Just now, what did Wazu-san say?

Like? He likes me??

My face. . . no, my whole body suddenly got hot.

My heart was beating so fast making it somewhat hurt. Why didn't you look at me? Wazu-san. . . .

Finally Wazu-san is turning his body and our eyes meet each other, but suddenly my head went blank---

Wha~What should I do. . .

[. . . . well. . . . that's. . . . about Wazu-san's words frome earlier. . .] (Sarona)

My whole face is hot. . .

[I appreciate. . . . . your feeling. . . . .] (Sarona)

I can't see Wazu-san's face because I was looking down in order to divert my eyes.

[I’m sorry!!!] (Sarona)

Not that! It’s not what I want to say! Honestly, what am I doing!

[But---] (Sarona)

I raised my face, but the figure of Wazu-san that's running at an amazing speed was seen. . .

. . . Eh. . . Eeeeeeeeh?

Wazu-san you are too fast. . . . . wait for me. . . . . my confession. . . . . hasn’t fineshed yet. . . . .

. . . . . Confession?

Ah I see. . . I understand it now.

I also like you Wazu-san.

Finally I realize my feeling, strangely my heart feels so light and I smiled unintentioally.

[[. . . Sarona]] (Yuyuna / Ruruna)

I suddenly heard mutltiple voice, there Yuyuna and Ruruna was looking at me.

[He has gone. . . that guy!] (Yuyuna)

[The hero who save the village, Sarona as well. . . . . Eh? Sarona? Don't tell me you?] (Ruruna)

Ruruna looked at my expression, it seems she has noticed my feeling.

Was my face was easy to read. . . . ughhh. . . I covered my cheeks. I didn't understand myself.

[Really? you. . . to him. . .~] (Ruruna)

[There is no such thing] (Sarona)

I denied Ruruna words. because I was already decided it.

I will chase after wazu-san.

And then, I will convey my feeling.

Even if at that time there is someone else beside him, I won't lose!

First of all, I will resign from Morito. . . and then. . .

It seems that I will take a short while, but I will find you certainly! Be prepared Wazu-san!!

[. . . for the time being there is something to do, right?] (Yuyuna)

My head was full of Wazu-san, I look at the direction which Yuyuna pointed at, there is Gazuna at that place.

[Eh? just leave him alone! I have my future to consider or rather just let the village chief handle him. Honestly right now I don't care whether he is alive or dead. . . see you] (Sarona)

I turned my heel to leave

With *pokkan!* Yuyuna and Ruruna were showing astonished faces.

Chapter 11 - Trauma And Awareness

Right now, I just sat down on a stump near the forest's exit.

It's been three days..... all this time, I just stayed at this place. When I got hungry, I would catch a rabbit or pick edible plants from the surroundings. If I wanted to go to the toilet, I would use use the bushes. Otherwise I had been crying the whole time while sitting on this stump.

I don't want to do anything. It's painful being alive.

Just as I tired from crying I somehow fell asleep.

Uuu~.....

I was in a melancholy mood when I woke up the next day. I had a dream, Sarona-san and Hero-sama was.....

..... I don't want to remember.

A thought was floating on my head. The memory from the past.... ugh.... I thought I had forgotten everything about Aria.... but Sarona-san....

That day, once again I cried myself to sleep.

When I woke up, it was midnight. I scrubbed my eyes and absent-mindedly looked up to the sky

The stars were so beautiful~.....

Before I knew it, I fell back to sleep.

On the next day, I spent a whole day in daze.

On the next day, I spent a whole day in daze. I went to bed while crying.

On the next day, I spent a whole day in daze. The stars were sparkling

On the next day, I spent a whole day in daze.

On the next day, I braced myself up a little. Nuts are good.

On the next day, a monster had attacked. I Subjugated.it.

On the next day, my energy had returned.

On the next day, I washed My body and clothes in a river. I felt Refreshing.

On the next day, I went out of the forest and headed to the town.

There is a highway right after I exiting the forest. I don't have any purpose in particular so I am just walking there leisurely.

The things about Aria, also Saronasan as well, even now I almost cried whenever I thought of it. I forced to convince myself that these two will

surely be happy. We won't meet each other anymore.... Yuyuna, Ruruna,

even though we had such good relationship. I feel so sad when I think about it, but it can't be helped because they are Sarona-san's friend....

Face forward. Even someone like me will find another friend later!!

I'm sure..... maybe..... probably.....!!

It's better to give up looking for a lover.....

I didn't believe there was someone who would fall in love with me right now.

Setting that aside, right now there was something on my mind.

Is about my status.

The battle at the Elf village doesn't make any sense.... my opponent was too weak. No matter how much I was confident with my mediocrity, I can't convince myself right now....

Don't tell me.... it's not like they are weak.... but I was too strong.... no.... no way.... but....

This is the first time I doubted my mediocrity.

At that time, when a horde monsters attacked the village, I thought they were just F-rank monsters.... but maybe... they were higher.... also, I thought my status was around an F-rank adventurer.... but, is there such a thing as an F-rank monster.... I walked while wondering that endlessly but still didn't came to any conclusion.

[Oh well, I can see that when I make a guild card] (Wazu)

I stopped to think deeply. As I said before it can be solved with a guild card. This is a magic tool which can confirm the status of an individual. When seeing the status indicated on that, my worries will be settled. I am strong or just ordinary, I will understand at that time. It's no use in worrying about it right now.

Well then..... I wonder what is this place. At that time I didn't know how I ended up at the mountain..... I wonder what town this road was leading to..... if possible, I hope is not the Imperial Capital. Please anywhere except that place.....

I walked along the way while hoping so.

I thought I would either be attacked by monsters and bandits, but none of that occured, the distance from the forest gradually increased, I walked on road while looking at a horse-drawn carriage passing me, and finally a large town came into my view. It was surrounded by a high wall, I saw a lot of horse-drawn carriage lined-up in front of the gate.

Oh! The town I didn't know!!

I was saved..... with this the worst case scenario was avoided.

I lined-up to enter the town while feeling relived.

Chapter 12 - It's One Of My Dream To Come Here

Right now, in front of me was a soldier who inspected an ID card of a person who was about to enter the town. And then I just noticed it for the first time,

Huh? I..... didn’t have it..... Aah!

I always kept my wallet inside a pocket safely, but while in the Elf village I usually put my ID card and other things at Yuyuna and Ruruna house. That’s right..... it’s because I left just as it..... damn, I felt like crying right now.....

[Then, the next person please]

The soldier called me. I approached him cautiously. I steeled my heart, for the worst case I will camp outside the town.....

[Please show me your ID card]

[..... Well, actually..... the thing is..... I lost my ID card.....] (Wazu)

[I see, we need to ask you some question if you want to issued a temporary

ID card, will you take it?]

[Yes please] (Wazu)

Oh? An interview? Is that all?

Since I was never leave the Imperial City before, I didn't know there was such means. I obediently followed the soldier to enter a small room. There was a desk and two chairs in the center of room. At one of the chair there was a youth, though the figure is slender, he was fully equiped.

[Yo! Are you the person who lost the ID card? It must be quite troublesome. I will begin the interview, but first why don't you take a seat?]

The young man pointing at the vacant chair while saying so, I sat on the chair in accordance with obediently. After that, it was just a light interview. Such as name and birthplace, what was my purpose in coming to this town, did I commit any crime before, etc. I answered it one by one. Just in case, whether I have comitted any crime or not are investigated using a special magic tool. The young man also told a story about himself. His name is Orlando, there is no last name so it seems he is not from nobility. His age is 2 years older than me, 19 years old. A chief of garrison soldier at the gate, that's great. He's also a friendly person, we exchanging a chat while conducting the interview.

[Well then, you can use it to get a guild card. since it's just a temporary ID card please go to adventurer guild within a week and then return the ID card otherwise it will be invalid] (Orlando)

[No problem. Since I will go immediately after this, also could you recommend me an inn? I didn't have much money, so I'd like a place as cheap as possible.....] (Wazu)

[Then on the opposite side of the Adventurer Guild, at the intersection of boulevard, there is an inn called “Wind of Light” which is managed by a former adventurer couple, how about it? They always help rookie adventures with various things] (Orlando)

[Yeah, I will go to that place] (Wazu)

I received the finished temporary ID card aftrewards, I walked to a passage for entering the town while talking with Orlando. At the end of a passage, Orlando stopped and then looking at me.

[Come to think of it, I forgot to say one important thing] (Orlando)

[?] (Wazu)

[Welcome to the fort city Rinikku] (Orlando)

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The fort city Rinikku

It’s a city that guards the south side of an entrance to Manbondo kingdom, the world's largest nation in at east continent. It’s a busy city, also among the many mainland’s towns and cities, its development was very dominant. A circular shaped doorways at the north and south side, which has been divided into four compartments by a cross boulevard.....

I was looking at a written bulletin board.

Thank goodness..... my hometown, Imperial City was in the center of the south continent. Anyway I was relieved, I won't go to the south for now.

I had begun to walk along the main street to the Adventurer Guild just like that. This is the fort city, things are quite different from my hometown. I advanced while seeing the vicinity restlessly.

I went to the place Orlando informed, there I saw a three-story large building. "Adventurer's Guild Rinikku Branch" was written on a big signboard at the entrance of the building. I took a deep breath before entering the building.

Once I was inside the guild, there were a receptionist desks and stairs at the center back. On my right side, there was bulletin board with the requests listed on it. On my left side was a simple dinning place. I prepared myself and went to the reception desk while looking around restlessly

[Hello, welcome to the Adventurer Guild of Rinikku branch, may I help you?]

[..... Yeah, adventurer registration please] (Wazu)

[Adventurer registration, is it..... then please fill out this form]

I received a quill pen and paper that has been proffered. Name, age, hometown, I continue to fill it one after another.

I heard that receptionist of Adventurer's Guild had many beautiful woman, so it was true. Receptionist-san in front of me has fluffy pink hair that extended to shoulder, also lovely figure and gentle eyes. I was slightly

stunned.

[Are you done? Let me see first..... Yes, it is okay. Then how about I give you an explanation about adventurer until your guild card is finished]

[Yes please] (Wazu)

[Well then..... *cough* I will tell you a simple explanation. Adventurer's guild is functioned as intermediary between adventurers and clients who put a request, a client will pay the rewards for a request you have completed. You can find available request at bulletion board, hand the paper of a request to a receptionist, when receptionist gives you permision you can accept the request. Report to receptionist when you have completed the request. In addition, there is a rank system for the request and adventurer, from the highest to lowest are “S A B C D E F”. Everybody will be started from F-rank. First issued guild card is free. If you lose it you can re-issued after pay 5 gold coin, please be careful. Also, you can accept a request one rank above your adventurer rank. In this case, you will need our examination. Do you have any question?]

[Is there something necessary in request achievement?] (Wazu)

[It depends on the contents of request, like a specific monster's part for subjugation proof, or completion signatures from a person who put a request. Please use those and give it to receptionist. We will examine it, after that the process will be finished]

[How does a rank rise?] (Wazu)

[If you have achieved a defined number of request for each rank, we will tell about the rank-up. It’s ahead of story, however please work hard

because there is a test when you go up from D-rank to C-rank]

[I see, I roughly understand. When there is something I didn't understand, I will let you know] (Wazu)

[Please do so. Ah! Also, there is a lot of violent adventurers..... so please avoided them as much as possible..... as long you did it..... things defintely.....]

[Yes, I understand. I'll becareful as not to make receptionist-san worry] (Wazu)

[Please do that!! A guild card is done, so please hang a drop of your blood so the card can't be abused by others. Crime prevention and status will be indicated on the card and procedure will end with that]

I received the card from receptionist-san. I trying to draw a drop of my blood with knife to the card that has been drawn with a big F. But somehow the knife can't hurt my fingertips. On contrary the sharp part of knife

gradually dulled..... it will take forever at this rate, but why? I wondering for awhile. And then I bit my fingertips to make it bleeding and dropped my blood to the card.

After that my status emerged, and I was struck dumbed.....

Chapter 13 – Is This Clear? What Become Of My Power

There are 8 status that shown on guild card. They are HP (Life Force) MP (Magic) STR (Attack Power) VIT (Defense Force) INT (Magic Attack) MND (Magic Defense) AGL (Agility) DEX (Dexterity). After that are name, race, age, individual-specific skills and learned skills.

First of all, the general knights and large number of C-rank adventurers average stauts are :

HP : 1500/1500

MP : 100/100

STR : 180

VIT : 120

INT : 20

MND : 50

AGL : 80

DEX : 60

That is.

However, the status that are displayed on my guild card are :

Name : Wazu

Race : Human (80%)

HP : Can withstand anything

MP : It's zero!

STR : My blow the shattered stars

VIT : Breaks even The Holy Sword

INT : Magic can't be used

MND : Magic? It’s insignificant

AGL : Probably faster than light.... surely not, right?

DEX : Equal or above the great artist in history..... I guess!

Skill :

Extreme Cannibalism (Unique)

Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid (Unique)

Goddess's Sympathy (Unique)

Sponsored by Goddess.

That is.

The hell “Sponsored by Goddess” . I guess the things described on my guild

card are Goddess-sama doing. Then let me tell her something

Write it in number~~~~~~~~!!!!!!

Even with magic system I didn't know whether I'm strong or not. No, I would be strong, or maybe I'm ridiculously strong!!! I didn't know!!! It's difficult to understand!!!

Ha~..... Ha~..... let's calm down.

First of all, let's verified one by one..... the skill details should be found there..... Ha~.....

Let's see, nothing wrong with my name and age. The race is, what the hell with Human (80%)? What do you mean? Am I only 80% human? Or the 80% is different things? Which is it? What's written there made me really uneasy.

I found out there was no MP, but the HP value say I can withstand anything. Grand magic or Ancient magic, will I not die even after receiving a direct attack fom any of that continuously? No No No such this is impossible, right? I was afraid to confirm it myself!!!

STR value say my blow can shattered a stars? is the meaning same as it? In other words if I hit seriously, nothing I can't break? For real?

VIT value say will breaks even the Holy sword..... is that even possible? I mean it's a Holy Sword right? The fact that it could break, it means no kind

of weapon could harm me? So thats why I can't cut my fingertips with a single knife.....

INT value say I can't use magic. I understand where it comes because the MP say zero. The HP say I can withstand anything..... so there is no meaning for MND, right?

AGL value, please tell me the words followed after light. Don't cut it in the middle. I'm interested now, maybe I will try in secretly later.....

Isn't it fine to use a numerical value for DEX status. Why was the sentence? Did it according to other status? I don't need such attention Goddess-sama..... well, I know that I am quite dexterous..... even the clothes I'm wearing right now, I made it myself..... Haa.....

My head is hurting.....

Let's take a look at skill description now.

Extreme Cannibalism : You can eat every kind of thing and it will taste delicious. Bizarre objects, poisons, monsters, etc. will taste delicious. The higher rank of things you eat, your status value will increased (maximum)

(TL : This skill at maximum level, I think)

Is this from that time, when I lived in the mountain? Because I couldn't choose what to eat..... at that time I ate anything to stay alive. I wonder if this is the after-effects? Well it makes sense..... probably my status is abnormal? I think it's the cause..... but, high ranked things? I wonder if I eat something like that.....

Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid : Every abnormal condition will be

canceled. One condition is excepted.

I wonder if this is aslo the influence of the mountain? It’s because the environment was severe, you can find any abnormality there..... and then an abnormal state which wasn't in the mountain and will work on me..... only liquor that comes to my mind..... but it’s still on a tolerable range. Next problem is.....

Goddess's Sympathy : I do not know what happened but you are crying and crying so much..... but it’s allright!! There will surely a good thing! ! So please brace yourself up!! Because I granted you with all my blessing that will help you!! Do your best on your life!!!

Goddess-samaaa~~~~!!!!!

What is this? Is Goddess-sama sympathizing with me? look at this, it became painful in reverse! ! life is so hard.... from now on, I wonder if a good things will happen..... uuu!!!

Thus I have confirmed it all. In other words because I have received full sympathy from Goddess-sama, I’m no longer a genuine human race. I can’t use magic but I’m incredibly strong. Under the influence of a skill, I can say that I won’t die unless from an old age, right?

Haaa~.....

I can’t let out a sigh anymore.....

As I thought, it’s dangerus to disclose my status..... I can’t show it carelessly..... not many poeple can become S-rank adventurers but with this

I think I can do it, it’s just probably though.

I became strong rather suddenly so I didn't know what to do anymore now .

Chapter 14 - The Inn-way

[Ermm..... is there something wrong? Since awhile ago you have been letting out a sigh, scowling at empty space, and then sighing again. May I know if there is any deficiencies in your guild card?]

I returned to my sense after hearing receptionist-san's words. Aah, I'am still inside the guild right now, I wonder how long I've been spaced out.

[It's alright, sorry. There is nothing wrong, I just checked my status a little] (Wazu)

[Is that so. Certainly, that's an important thing, Wazu-san just became an Adventurer so you have to check your status properly. Also, please only accept a request that within your ability. If you overestimate your power, it usually leads to death]

[Yes..... I will be careful] (Wazu)

Though I don't know what to be careful of.....

To suddenly become strong after getting off of that mountain. That's right, this city is not too far from that mountain, I thought they might know something about it.

[Umm..... there is something I would like to ask....] (Wazu)

[Yes, what is it?]

[What is that big mountain you can see from the outside?] (Wazu)

To my question, receptionist-san showed an incredible look at me.

[Umm..... you really didn't know anything about that mountain?]

[Yes. So please tell me] (Wazu)

[..... I understand. It's absolutely neccessary to live so listen carefully]

Then I heard the fact about the mountain, it was a big shock for me.

The abnormal weather..... also full of S-rank monsters..... I ..... how could I have survived from that place? I still can't believe it myself..... but, maybe it was the effects of Goddess Sympathy's skill. I wonder if I have been protected by that skill all this time. And then, because I adapted to the environment I got Abnormal State Nullification skill, because I ate everything at that time I got Extreme Cannibalism skill. About my abnormal status, I wonder if it's because I ate S-ranked monsters..... that is how I become so strong..... it's all thanks to Goddess-sama that I can live right now.

[..... That's it. The mountain is very dangerous place so you absolutely have to stay away from that..... did you hear me?]

Crap!! I was lost in thought about Goddess-sama for a moment.

Receptionist-san has blue vein popping on her head.

[Ye~Yeah!! I heard it properly!! I won't approached it!!] (Wazu)

[Please do so!]

I say my thanks and leave the guild. I feel tired after learning a fact about the mountain, so I have decided to head for Wind of Light Pavilion to rest. Just as I was told, the inn locatated not far from adventurer's guild.

Wind of Light Pavilion is a two-story wooden building with the width of 3 houses. It seem the building is managed properly, I can't see any damaged parts. I think is a nice normal inn. Hmm.... I noded and went inside.

[Welcome to the Wind of Light Pavilion!!]

When I got inside, I was greeted by a high-spirited woman's voice. She has light-brown hair with an easy going type face, while cleaning the counter she was speaking to me. Some tables and chairs were arranged for people to have a meal. At the right side of counter, there were stairs that lead to the second floor.

[One person is it? Do you need a meal? Or a room?]

[A room please, how much for 1 night] (Wazu)

[It's 2 silver coin for 1 night that come with 2 meals. I've never see your face before, are you an adventurer?]

[Ah yes, I just became one a moment ago] (Wazu)

[I see. Then it's free for today! It’s for commemoration for you as an Adventurer]

[Eh? Is that okay?] (Wazu)

[No problem. I’m also a former adventurer, so I understand the strugle of a rookie! Don’t be reserved okay!!]

[Thank you] (Wazu)

I decided to obediently accept her offers and saying my thanks. Even though I have an abnormal power, I still feel uneasy about my money.

[Rura!! It’s a customer~!!..... please write your name in the guest book]

While saying so she handed me the guest book and quill pen, after writing my name I returned it to her. Not long a small girl appeared from inside the counter.

[Welcome!! Mmm..... Wazu-san is it, welcome to Wind of Light Pavilion!! Nice to meet you!! My name is Rura!! I’m 13 years old and master of Inn-way, also I’m a girl] (Rula)

After confirming my name in the guest book, a cute girl with brown hair spoke to me cheerfully. She lowered her head and introduced herself as

Rula while blooming a smile on her face.

..... What the heck is Inn-way?

[Ahahahaha!! Come to think of it, I haven't introduced myself. My name is Kayla, I'm a proprietress and my husband is a cook at this place. Rula is my daughter and she is helping out now. If you need something, you can ask Rula here] (Kayla)

[Leave it to me!! *donn* .....*cough*!!] (Rula)

She say so while hitting her chest

But because she put to much power onto it, she choked.

[..... Then, what is the Inn-way you just said a little while ago] (Wazu)

[Tha't a good question!!!!!] (Rula)

Rula eyes glittering and her face brightened. She approached me while playing her index finger.

[Let's see, the inns that just provided food and bedding are no good!! Those are a third-rate inn!! And, second-class inns provided a good meal and clean bed!! But first-class inns provided further facilities and

satisfying service!! But, when it come to the top-noch----] (Rula)

[Yes Yes, don't troubled the customer okay. Now quickly guide him to the

room. Use the innermost room at the second floor] (Kayla)

I had surrendered while raising the open arm.

When Kayla-san saw it, she send a life boat by telling Rula to guide me to the room while handed her a key.

[Okay, I will guide you to the room. In the meantime I will tell you more about the Inn-way!!] (Rula)

Nooo, I'm not saved~!!!!!

I'm braced myself to listen her talk while we headed to the room.

Keyla-san saw me off with such a wry smile

Chapter 15 - Power of A-Rank

I am lying on the bed upon entering the room. Not too wide or narrow, it's a decent room. I can feel that it has been properly cleaned.

The Inn-way huh..... it's deep.....

No... No... No... No... No...!!

I almost got brainwashed. That Lula..... what a fearful girl..... Setting that aside I have to think about my future now.

The problem is my powers too strong.....

Up until now, I thought of myself as just an ordinary person. But the present me is an existence that can be called a monster..... That's why I don't know what to do with myself..... in the first place, is this all real..... if you believe in Goddess-sama's description, even I can destroying a stars if seriously use my power.

It's frightening just to think about it.....

Involuntarily, I was shivering while I wrapped my body on the bed..... no matter how strong I became, my soul is that of an ordinary person. It can't be helped if I was scared.....

I don't know how long I have been lost in thought.....

But a small fire lit in my heart, certainly it’s a frightening power..... However it wouldn't have been possible to rescue Sarona-san without it before.....

I can save someone using this power. If I always hesitated, when the time comes I might not be able to protect someone I want to protect..... if that's so, there is no reason to hesitate huh. Although I can’t use it thoughtlessly..... but I have decided to use it.

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[Wazu-saaaan! Dinner is ready~] (Lula)

[Hyaiii~!!] (Wazu)

It surprised me, because of that I answer Lula calls with a strange voice. When the door opened, Lula who wearing an apron give me a wry smile. It’s embarassing....

A considerable time has passed since I entered my room, when I come down following Lula the sun had already set. There were many people who seemed to be adventurers at the table in the dining room. Everyone respectively eating, drinking, laughing, or grumbling, they are all having fun. Lula guided me to a table at the corner of room and I sat down there. After saying she will immediately come back with food, Lula disappeared into the back counter. While waiting for my meal to come, I was looking at the atmosphere of the dining room.

How nicee~ everyone is having fun~ it was quite envious watching them---

[Someday you also can make your own party as well. Here it is, sorry to kept you waiting] (Kayla)

Kayla-san placed a dish in front of me while saying so. She can read my mind it’s embarassing, I changed my attention to the food.

Grilled seasoned meat, salad, soup, and bread, nothing special with this food, even so it was quite a feast for me. That reminds me, it’s been quite a while huh..... usually I always ate grilled meat at the time I lived in mountain. But at the Elf village, there was only wild grass and tree nuts. After a long time let’s savor the meat's taste..... *gulp*.....

I was eating the foods wholeheartedly. Sometime the parents and child smiling happily while looking at me.

[What the heck is this!! It’s taste so bad, I can’t eat something like this!!]

While feeling my stomach which was full after I finished my meal, some unforgiveable words had reached my ears.

[That’s why I told you before to stopped Homura from enter this place]

[I know it already, it just once in a while I want to try and eat food from this kind of place]

When I turned my eyes to the voice, I saw 3 men were laughing and cracking an unpleasant smile. That guy in the middle, It seems he was the first one who raised his voice. Red hair, morose eyes, he wore an armor which focused on ease of movement. On the left side, a man with green hair which was grown to hide one of his eye. A large cross spear had been put leaning

against wall on his back. On the right side, a narcissist-ish guy is playing with his long blonde hair. He wore an expensive robe and gave some magician-like vibe.

Yosh, let’s kill those guys!

I wonder what, suddenly I had an urge to use force..... I didn’t feel any hestitation at all with them.

While I was thinking this, the situation got even worse.

[Don’t speak ill of my father’s cooking-----] (Lula)

Rula was protesting to these three while clutching her apron.

[Oh, what’s this kid? You father?]

[Perhaps she is the daughter of this worn-out inn owner]

[Fumu, a daughter is it. Then tell your father to do his job properly! The food taste’s bad, we can eat something like this]

With that, a blood thirst leaked out from everyone in the dinning room.

[Oh? The hell are you guys? You don't know who we are?]

[Hey how could they know? They are adventurers from such frontier town]

On these words, a red haired man put his foot on a table while leaning his body in the chair.

[We are “Black Flame” party of A-rank adventurer]

[It doesn’t matter, apologize to father!!] (Lula)

They continue glaring to intimidate, but Lula aslo without hestitation still demanding their apology. On the sight, I clapped my hands while muttering a small “Oo...”

[Tch, this brat.....]

The red-haired man reach out his hand at Lula, in an instant I moved between them to catch his hand while glaring back. In the meantime I use my other free hand to persuade Lula which is little teary to hide behind my back. This guy, just now he let out a blood thirst and tried to strangle Lula.

[..... What’s this bastard, you want to die]

The red-haired man tried to intimidate me by directing his blood thirst towards me. On my back, Lula has been holding my clothes tighly. Before I can say something, a rugged voice is resounding at this place.

[What is this commotion, you people!]

Chapter 16 - What A Simple Bunch

The owner of the rugged voice was coming from behind the counter. He glared towards us with some amazing's look on his face.

The man was bigger than anyone else in the place. His height is more than 2m, thick arms and chest that was made of muscle. His eyes are sharp, next to his right eye there is a single large scratch down to his cheek. Also there is no hair on his head. If it's not because the apron he wore, normally you can tell by look that he is indeed a veteran warrior.

Such a baldie was approaching us with a heavy atmosphere about him. And then, Lula sneaked out fom my back and threw her arms around that baldy.

[Uwaaa!! Father...!!!!] (Lula)

[Oh what is it Lula? What happened?]

Fa~Father?? That baldie is?? .....nothing alike, but it's a good thing for Lula.

Lula is explaining about what happened to the baldie while holding her tears. Occasionally even the adventurers around also adding their story. Please explain about me properly as well, since that baldie is staring at me from time to time. By the way, I'm still grabbing the red-haired guy's hand while remain glaring at each other in the meantime.

It seems they finished the explanation. After the baldy patted Lula's head, he come to us with Lula hiding behind his back.

[Are you from Black Flame which mocked my cooking and quarreled with my daughtter?]

[What of it? Your cooking sucks]

[I don't think so though] (Wazu)

I denied immediately because I didn't hink the same as these guys.

[Fuu~..... it seems you just came to this city recently]

[Then, what is it?]

[I am Regan, adventurer's guild master of this city] (Regan)

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Haa!!!!!

Just now, what did this baldie say!! Guild..... master..... this baldie is.....

The Red-haired guy was suprised to hear these words, and I-----

[No way!! Someone like you..... is Lula's blood-related father!! Just tell the truth already!! That actually Lula is a child from Keyla-san former marriage, right?] (Wazu)

[That's what your concerned with!! We are really blood-related!! Lula is my beloved daughter!!! You hear that?] (Regan)

[It's a lieeeeeee-----!!!!!] (Wazu)

The adventurers around were nodding in unison while folding their arms on my words.

I fell down on the spot. Why?? even such a baldie old man has a wife and daughter. But right now, neither friends nor lover on my side..... it's unfair..... it's absurd..... it's too much!!

[Tch!!]

Not liking the situation they were in, those guys clicked their tongue while trying to leave this place. However the bald---guild master didn't seem like he will overlook them.

(TL : bald--guild master = Wazu is want to say baldie but stopped in the middle and change it with guild master instead)

[Hey Black Flame!! It's because your behavior is a little unsightly. Tomorrow, you come to my room in the guild office first thing in the morning!!] (Regan)

[Huh? Why is it? We are A-rank adventurers why should we be bothered by

such thing?]

A-rank? Ah come to think of it these guy said from A-rank huh..... fuuhu..... just wait you guys!!

I was laughing on my mind, at the same time the bald---guild master is still arguing with Black Flame guys.....

[Run away huh! What, it seems you guys are not a big deal. Are you really A-rank? Oh I see, you earned A-rank through taking part in other people's achievements, and it's not because of your own ability right? Well it's certainly will be embarassing if people found out that your power doesn't live-up to your rank. Because of that you make several reasons in order to run away, right? It can't be helped, I will overlook you this time so get out from my sight at once!!] (Wazu)

I threw some words of provocation that I can come up with. Bald---guild master was glaring at me as if to tell me don't say unnecessary things. Lula was looking at me anxiously. The guys from Black Flame were furious until their faces turned bright red. What a simple bunch.....

[Bring it bastard..... I will engrave the terror on your body]

I and the guys from Black Flame are glaring at each other while ready to move at any moment. They had already put a hand on each of their weapon .But there was a person who can't overlook the situation.

[You guys stopped it already!!] (Ragen)

Bald---guild master interrupted us by standing between me and Black Flame

while trying to open some dinstance with his hand.

[Hey guild master. After he said that much, don’t expect we will just let it pass]

[I know.....] (Ragen)

Bald---guild master is showing a face as if he chewed on some bug. I laughing on my heart because I was succesfully to lead the Black Flame guys by nose.

[If the kid over there is willing then..... I will permit you to use guild training field for a mock battle. As note, killing is forbidden. How about that?] (Ragen)

[No problem!! Because We have an investigation report for tomorrow, how about the day after tomorrow at noon?]

[Well, I don’t mind] (Wazu)

[I will make you regret picking a fight with us]

Black Flame guys confirmed my acceptance and went out just like that. Good everything is goes well, I grinning while watching their back.

Chapter 17 - Because I’m an Adventurer, Let’s Take The First Request

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[You are an F-rank and just joined yesterday ~ ~ ~ ~ ~] (Ragen)

An angry voice echoes in the guild master's room on the Adventurer's Guild's third floor. Because of what happened yesterday, I was called by bald---guild master to this place. Right now, I sit face-to-face sandwiching a table with him. Because he want to know more about me, I told him that I just joined as an Adventurer yesterday. That is the cause for the angry voice before. Too loud, is your throat okay?

[Goddess's gracious, I had heard yesterdays situation from Lula and understand that those guys were in the wrong. But mock battle between F-rank and A-rank is a little..... let’s cancel it] (Ragen)

[Eh? No, please let me do it! Bald---guild master!! Those guys are making a fool of your cooking!! Out of loud!! It’s enough of reason for me!! Don’t worry because I won’t lose!!] (Wazu)

It will be troubled for me if you cancel it at this late.

[I am glad you praised my cooking..... phew..... well, I do think that rank =

ability though..... by the way you have a different image with the story I heard from Lula and Emma. Such as belligerent.....] (Ragen)

[Belligerent? It's not that. This time I just have a little objective on my mind..... well, it's my personal circumstances though. By the way who is Emma?] (Wazu)

[What? She didn't introduced herself? She is the receptionist who handled your guild registration] (Ragen)

[Ah, that pink-haired woman] (Wazu)

[By the way she was just married so it's no use to wooing her] (Ragen)

[I don't have such intention] (Wazu)

Just what did you think of me.

I let out a sigh and was about to complaint but looking at the serious expression of bald---guild master.....

[Are you really going to do it?] (Ragen)

[Yes] (Wazu)

[..... All right. Well, it's not the authority of guild to stop a dispute between Adventurers. There are thing about excessive behavior but it's on the very limit this time so I will overlook it but there won't be next time] (Ragen)

[I understand] (Wazu)

I thought the talk had ended with that, I stood up from sofa and was just about to leave the room when bald---guild master spoke to me.

[I see, good luck] (Ragen)

[I don’t need you to say that. Well then excuse me guild---baldie] (Wazu)

bang!!

[Bastard!! You said it finally!! Let me tell you something, I just shaved my hair off-----!!!] (Ragen)

I didn’t care either way. I come down to the first floor in a trot.

[Excuss me, I’d like to take these requests please] (Wazu)

[Excuss me, please don’t hand it to me] (Emma)

I who came down to the first floor pull 2 of request papers from the bulletin board and handed it to Emma-san the receptionist, and then such reply was returned with a smile and blue vein that popped on her head. It’s scary, Emma-san.....

[You did say you would be careful..... and yet, it's happened? Did you remember what I told you yesterday?] (Emma)

[I remember it. However this time..... well..... there is a lot of circumstances] (Wazu)

[Haa..... whatever. It seems you got lectured by guild master so I won't say anything this time..... you want to take these two?] (Emma)

Emma-san confirming the content of the requests that I handed to her. Immediately I let out a big sigh.

[You have a mock battle tomorrow so why did you take Goblin subjugation and herbs collection request?] (Emma)

[To be frank I don't have any money. Because all F-rank requests need a one day trip, only E-rank requests ia available] (Wazu)

Well, there is also another purpose though. Emma-san also let out a big sigh.

[..... I understand. It's accepted, please give me your guild card] (Emma)

I handed the guild card. The request that you received will be confirmed and registered in the guild card. Meanwhile Emma-san tell me about the request's detail.

[You advanced a little from here to the east. Usually you can find a goblin in the forest around there. Because there's a Goblin nest deep inside the forest

please be careful. Since subjugation proof is a Goblins right ear, please bring five of them. About the herbs comission, we will buy as much as you have. Is there any question?] (Emma)

[I don't have a bag to put herbs and Goblin ears in. Can I borrow one?] (Wazu)

[No problem..... well then, it's your guild card and the bag which you can attached to the waist. Please return the bag later, if its torn or damaged you have to pay a fine so please be careful] (Emma)

[Thank you very much] (Wazu)

[Yes, take care!!] (Emma)

I leave the guild and headed to the Wind of Light Pavilion to pay my lodging fee for today, after that I leave the city. On the way, I meet Orlando and returned my temporary ID card after talking for a short while. He knew about the mock battle between me and the A-rank adventurers, the information is spreading fast huh..... it seems he has a day off tomorrow so he will come to watch..... you sure are free.

I'm walking for a while and arrived at the eastern forest, it's not that far I thought. I walking leisurely while collecting herbs and finally 3 green monster appeared before me.

Pointed ears and nose with green stocky body. A monster called a Goblin approached me while laughing with a *geya-geya* sound. As a weapon, they held a rusty knife, wooden stick, and bare hands respectively. Whether it's cooperation or not, they slowly surrounded me. Fumu, Finally I can test the thing out.

I was going to test my power with a Goblin. It focused mainly to train how to hold back. In this state, I think every opponent I faced would die. More or less it will be better if I am able to hold back to some extent.

Or so that is what I thought, but.....

In front of my eyes were three Goblin corpses which its head burst out..... in just an instant..... haaa..... as I thought.

Maybe it’s because of the monsters rank but the main issue as expected is my power. I thought this time I will be able to exert my power properly because I was aware about it, but it's still doesn't work after all. If everything stayed as is, tomorrow those guys will be killed. It doesn’t matter though, but considering about the future I can’t say the same thing about it. First of all I need to remember how to go easy with the Goblins.

Because of that, I will head to the Goblin nest right now.

Chapter 18 - The Person Himself Has A Wonderful Feeling Of Achievement

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As I walking deeper into the forest the number of monsters I encountered also increased. Even so, hardly any Goblin to say. Occasionally I encountered with such as a large-scale Tiger, after that only flying-type monsters hovering above my head and nothing else, however it’s doesn't work well. To be precise I was holding back my power but it’s still too strong..... Before I realized it the Goblin nest was in front of my eyes.

[Uwaah..... just how many is that?] (Wazu)

Wherever I turn my eyes there are Goblin, Goblin, and Goblin..... my vision was dyed with green. And then I noticed something when I look at them.

Huh? if everything remained like this, perhaps I couldn't completed the request?

Herbs could were secured sufficiently before I came here. However a Goblin’s right ear as a proof of subjugation request, there is only one..... Cer-Certainly I should aim at the Goblin’s body, because I crushed the head of three Goblins from before so it can’t be helped. Why I just realized it at this late..... somehow I feel like losing..... however it’s no use crying over spilled milk. It will be a problem if I can't completed the request because I need the reward’s money.

Bu-But it’s alright! Yeah, there is still a lot Goblins for practice!! I'm sure it will works somehow!! Let’s do it!! 5 Goblin’s ears will be coming in an instant!!

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I'd like to hit myself who thought so. I entered the nest and have already defeated more than one hundred Goblins, but there are no corpses with an ears that still remain intact. Although I hit the Goblin with a little power but its head still blown out. Damn it.....

And then after I defeated another hundred Goblins..... at last..... I was able to defeat it while leaving its head. Hooray!! I did it!! When I happily swung my hands up, the goblin head flew from my hand and burst out. Argh, again.....

After being repeated so many times, finally I can get a grasp about how to control my power. just then I noticed there was only one big Goblin left before me. This guy is really big..... his body is likely big enough to reach 3m height, he wore inappropriate armor, his hand was holding a clunky sword, such as an iron lump. Judging from his twisted face, he seems to be furious. I began to count the ears that I could collected without minding him.

One..... two.....

A buzz sound from the clunky sword that the Goblin brandishing approached me in high speed, but I continue to count while avoiding it with a little effort.

Three..... four.....

The big Goblin drew near me in an instant while roaring with his bright red

face, but I didn't care. Just one more, also there is only one opponent left. My heart throbbed but it’s okay, everything will work out somehow surely.....

..... five .....six!!

Yeah I did it!! I found the remaining two ears from corpses that was overlap each other. Hooray!! As I told you before that everything will be all right.

Feeling happy and relieved lead me to be caught off guard. The big Goblin took a large step and tried to attack me with his full power. The attack landed on a Goblin’s head from earlier.

[Bastard!! What are you doing!! You fools!!] (Wazu)

I moved in front of the big Goblin in lightning speed. Using a little serious power I counter attacking the clunky sword that came at me.

Booooooooooooooom!!!!!!

Goblin’s head and a clunk sword burst out like trash and flying to the back of nest while leaving a hole. A remaining body had collapse in place with a *thud* sound. Immediately I checked a Goblin’s head from before.

.....Safe, it’s safe!

One of a Goblin’s ear from before was crushed but the other one was safe. I'm collecting the Goblin’s ear with a knife made from monster’s bone and leave that place.

Goblin nest in the eastern forest of fort city Rinikku was destroyed that day. If everything had been left as it was, a big flood of Goblin attack will have occurred several months later which would have resulted in heavy damage to the city. However it has ended without anyone knowing. The number of Goblin's which died was 638 in total. The last big Goblin was an A-rank monster called Goblin King. Wazu had brought back only 5 Goblin's ears.

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Orlando greeted me when I came back to the city. I handed Goblin's ears and herbs to Emma-san, after finished the request completion procedure I went to Wind of Light Pavilion just as is. The rewards I received were several coppers and 3 silvers coins in total, well it's not bad. I paying 2 silvers coin to Lula for the inn fee. After I ate my dinner I went to the same room as yesterday and slept.

On the next day I headed to the guild just before noon. Guided by Emma-san I went to a training field at the back of guild building. Upon entering the training field there was a big audience. I looking around and found Kayla-san, Lula, and Orlando among them. After leading me to the center of arena, Emma-san went back and sat down next to a man who was folding his arms. Is that her husband? Most of the audience seems to be Adventurers, I remember some people which I had seen at the inn before. Does everyone have nothing to do? Or rather, they seemed to come specially to watch this freak show.....

I waiting while doing some exercises. Three people from Black Flame and Baldie came out from the training field's entrance I passed through before.

Now then, give your best Black Flame's gentleman.

Chapter 19 - So This Is A-Rank.....

While a large audience watched, we faced each other in the center of the training field with Baldie standing between us. These guys raising an unpleasant smile at me and then the red-haired guy move one step forward.

[Hey, don’t tell me you are really going to do it? I heard your just an F-rank adventurer? It’s better to stop now, rather than getting hurt, being a coward is more preferable right?]

Red-haired guy spoke these words while looking down on me. What are you saying? I’m here because I want to do it. If you don't understand that, you must be an idiot.

[Everything had been confirmed with you before. Because the audience is waiting, just hurry and prepare yourself already] (Wazu)

We continue to move apart in accordance with the instructions. Baldie alternately looked at us and raising his big hand---

[Both sides remember that killing is prohibited!! Begin!!!] (Regan)

After lowered his big hand, Baldie moved to the rear. Following that I returned my line of sight to the front. The green-haired guy approached me while poising his spear.

[Carefully and plenty, I will carve the fear of an A-rank onto your body to educate that haughty attitude of your]

Enough of that, if you have room to talk why don't you just quickly attack me. When I avoided the spear, this time red-haired guy came to cut me with his sword.

[Tch.....]

Red-haired guy clicks his tongue. Perhaps he never imagined that such attacks could be avoided by a mere F-rank adventurer. This time their attacks has been mixed with a feint but still I can easily dodged it. I can see they are getting impatient. Although they have joined forces, there were no attacks landing. In the first place it's impossible for such slow attacks to reach me. But the pincer attack still continue for a while and suddenly these two people spring back at the same time. What happened?

[My fire is a countless melody]

After the words finished, a lot of small fireball came towards me. Come to think of it, I had completely forgotten about him. I hit the empty air in the direction of the incoming fireballs. Every one of the fireballs had disappeared because of the wind pressure. On this sight, the blonde guy was stunned and red-haired guy was muttering something while glared at me.

[What did you do? Magic..... no..... is that skill?]

No, it was just a normal punch.

I roughly understand their fighting style. Red-haired and green-haired guys

with their respective weapons are working as vanguard. The magician blonde guy is working as rearguard. That's typical, I have finished analyzing it-----

[It can't be helped, let's do it seriously!! That said, we didn't know anything about the skill from earlier, but we can't lose to an F-rank!! Are you ready? Zecca! Homura] (Glenn)

[I understand! Glenn!] (Zecca)

[It can't be helped..... let's do it] (Homura)

Oh speaking of which, I didn't know their names. Let's see, red-haired guy is Glenn, green-haired guy is Zecca, blonde guy is Homura..... okay, I remember their names, at least for now.

Now, are we serious at last?

It seems finally I will be able to achieved my purpose. I provoked and challenged them to battle because there was a certain purpose.

It's that I want to know of my own ability. It's neccessary with the opponents from A-rank which is the upper class adventurer. I don't have any combat skill and my status are in texts..... I want to know how far I could go. I was stronger than most monsters but I couldn't say the same with humans. They can use magic and skills that monster can't. In this way I can compare my strength with other people and can grasp the difference of our status value.

However, how I should put it? From the battle thus far everything seems meaningless. I felt the overwhelming difference between us. Be it magic or skills but, there are no effects to the battle. But maybe there will be

something different when they are serious this time.

They surrounded me while shouting “Haaaa” to raised their morale. Hmm? I’m full of openings right now, when will you attack me?

[You will regret picking a fight with us!!] (Glenn)

Red-haired guy come at me with his sword. Although his speed is faster than before, I feel it come approaching me very slowly. I dodge it while monitoring the sword's tip movement. A spear is drawing near from behind but I change its track using my finger tip. Combination of sword and spear attacks had started, but it didn't even graze me.

[Damn it!! Why didn't my attack hit!! Even though my Swordsman skill is level 7] (Glenn)

Hee... if I’m not wrong the maximum skill level is 10, that’s pretty high to have. I continue to dodge it but just as suddenly they stopped their attack and take a distance to joined with blonde guy. They are lined in a row.

[Homura are you ready?] (Glenn)

[At any time!!] (Homura)

Oh? It seems they are about to do something. If it’s so, I also have the last thing I want to confim. It’s simple, I will deliberately received their attack to test my strength.

[My sword is bestowed with the power of flame] (Glenn)

The red-haired guy's sword wrapped in fire. Oh is that guy a magic swordsman? How nice, it's so cool.....

[Let's go!!] (Glenn)

[The darkness stands before me] (Homura)

The magic is cast on red-haired guy's command and an intense flash spreads in the vicinity. It's so dazzling, I covered my eyes with my hand immediately. I can feel the sign of red-haired guy drawing near. I recived his horizontal-slash attack directly. *pakkin* hmm? Just now I heard such as break sound. Setting that aside, this time green-haired's spear approaching.

[Burn! Flame spear!!] (Zecca)

You too? I thought so, but apparently it was just a gimmick from the spear itself. The fire sprouting from a spear's tip and wrapping me.

[Hear me, the sound of destruction] (Homura)

After blonde guy cast a magic, there was a flame explosion from my surrounding one after anotheer.

[How is that? This is the finishing move of Black Flame,

TRIPLE!!] (Glenn)

[FIRE!!] (Zekka)

[ATTACK!!] (Homura)

[LOL!!] (Sabishii)

The ground was gouged and scorched while a black smoke rised to the sky.....

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I had checked my body inside the smoke. Despite received such an attack, there was no a single scratch let alone injuries. Even I didn't feel the impact of an attack, it's still felt hot....

[What!? My sword is broken] (Glenn)

Although I heard such words from outside a smoke, I continued to check my clothes it was neither torned or burned. When I thought about it carefully, my clothes were made from the mountain's monster. In other words the material itself are S-ranked. About those guys attack, I didn’t feel anything.

Oh well, I have confirmed my abnormal strength let’s bring it to the end.

While the smoke still surrounded us, with an ultra-speed movement I knocked three of them. Of course, since I was holding back properly they are still alive and just fainted.

After Baldie confirmed that those guys are safe from a distance, he declared my victory loudly.

Chapter 20 - Neatly Cleaning Up

After the mock battle I heading back to Wind of Light Pavilion. On the way, Orlando spoke to me and Emma-san also introdroduced her husband. The other Adventurers were noisy. Because we can speak any time, I leave the conversation little early. However the situation didn't change much back at the inn. Adventurers are making noise in the dining room, because of that I ate dinner in my room.

When I come down, everyone got more heated-up. [You are strong!] said Keyla-san while smiling at me. When I met Lula, with sparkling eyes she said [It was amazing!! it had ended all too soon.....]. According to Keyla-san, Lula was quite worried because she can't see me well under the fire attacks. Well, I did it on purpose though. Also there is no need to worry with such fire attacks. [Sorry for making you worry] I said so while patting Lula's head. I was sleeping while wrapped by hustle and bustle that comes from the dining room.

On the next day I heading towards the guild because Baldie called me. I guided by Emma-san to the guild master's room, on the way she keep telling me [You are strong], [My husband also was excited too], [My

excited husband was wonderful yesterday] the same as yesterday. I was at a loss for an answer. I don't have a lover so my heart also received damage to hear it. Until arriving at our destination, I gave a halfhearted answer of "Yes" or "Well".

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[Master, I have brought Wazu-san here] (Emma)

Emma-san switches over to a work mode and floats an usual smile on her face. Until just a while ago she keep talking about her husband like crazy. She opened the door and invited me to come in. Baldie seemed to just be finishing paperwork. We sat down face-to-face on the sofa just like before. After serving us tea, Emma-san bowed before she left the room.

[Sorry for calling you today and yesterday] (Regan)

[No, I don't mind that. So for what reason have I been called today? Baldie] (Wazu)

[Bastard..... I'm not bald..... I just shaved my hair] (Regan)

[I see. You are using that kind of excuse? You shaved it everyday is it..... even though your hair had already perished] (wazu)

[Okay, your doing a mock battle with me today] (Regan)

[It's a joke.... so please put down your fist] (Wazu)

I teased him too much. When I repented on my mind, Bald---Regan-san turned his face down while produced a serious atmosphere.

[A joke huh..... the kids from the neighborhood also called me "Bald". I didn't care at first, but recently Lula has began to doubted me..... what should I do?] (Regan)

Then grow your hair. Though I'm not sure if that's really the reason. Well, I'm not interested. But I was also feeling a little guilty for called him bald, should I help to convinced Lula?

[I understand. I will be careful as not to call you Baldie from now on..... so is that the reason you called me?] (Wazu)

[Do you know about the forest in the east? If you go a little to the north from there, you will find the big lake next to a hill. I'd like you to investigate something there] (Regan)

[Why me? That's what I want to say. But Guild master has personally requesting me so there must be some kind of reason right?] (Wazu)

[Ah the reason is simple. Originally this A-rank request was received by Black Flame that come to the city for this matter. But because they fought with some F-rank adventurer and lost in one shot, right now they are in the clinic receiving treatment. Surely their opponent which is unhurt can receive this request in their stead] (Regan)

[Hee..... that's sounds bad] (Wazu)

I replied it while smiling.

[IT WAS YOU!!] (Regan)

[I bet~] (Wazu)

Because the matter about Black Flame is my responsibility, it can't be helped.....

[By the way, if you take over this request and achived it, the 30 gold coins rewards will be yours] (Regan)

[I will do it !!!!!] (Wazu)

Thank you Black Flame. You guys had been beaten by me at a good time. I will never forget you..... maybe.

[Well then I'm going tell you about the content of the investigation request. Two weeks ago a merchant that was traveling on the mountain road had reported that he saw the shape of a Dragon at the mountain top. Besides, many reports about Dragon roaring was heard also increasing. If that's true, I want you to find out the numbers, type, and its size. If possible I want you to subjugated it. Well, although your strength has already been demonstrated, don't push yourself] (Regan)

[Dragon huh..... well, no problem] (Wazu)

There is no practical problem. When I was living in the mountains, there were some fellows which understand human language. Well, you can assumed it as my friend maybe. I want a human friends though.....

[I leave it to you. Because it's a sudden request, I will give you some time to make a preparation to some degree, how is that?] (Regan)

[Hmm..... I didn't have any schedule in particular so I will going right away. Because it was A-rank, it must be have some higher urgency. I will going with *papan* and finished it with *swosh*] (Wazu)

[I won't say anything and just pray that I didn't choose the wrong person] (Regan)

[You are not wrong at all Regan-san] (Wazu)

I got up and left the room while saying so. When I closed the door, it had reached my ears---

[That guy finally called my name] (Regan)

It was a happy voice mixed with a little curse.

Chapter 21 - Huh? It’s Looks Familiar.....

I went into preparation immediately after leaving the guild. That said, I will just prepare some food and water into the bag that I borrowed from the guild. At the inn I asked Keyla-san if I can obtained some food and water. She just said [Leave it to me] and retreated to the counter’s back. Not long after, she brought some sandwiches with monster meat and water canteen. It’s really a big help, thank you. I put away the sandwiches and water canteen into bag and left the city.

First I went to the forest in the east. When I got there, I began to walk towards the north. However it’s not with an usual speed. Otherwise, even with a horse you would need 4-5 days to reach the big lake. With my agility, it feels as if I just walked to my garden. Too fast, it was too fast.

Since I found out about my status, I noticed that I could walk normally just as before but when I desired it I could bring forth the power of my status. I didn’t have any problem with this power so far. However I don’t know the limit. I can’t look at myself so I don’t know how fast I am from other’s perspective. Well, it is not particularly a problem.

While considering such things, I have arrived near the lake. Speaking of it I didn’t meet any monster. If it's about a goblin, they seemed to be around. Because I didn’t come for that I will leave them alone. I sit down at the lake’s shores and take out a sandwich and water canteen from bag. Now then, let’s take a break.

When I stuffed the sandwich in my mouth, some noise came from the forest near the lake. Occasionally a breaking sound can be heard. A sound of something being chased or attacked. It’s gradually getting closer and I can see a mass of white as big as my head leaping out the forest.

Following it, a monster with two heads and a snake tail appeared. With it's body around 3m in length, it was a dog monster called Orthos. Apparently this Orthos seems to be trying to eat the mass of white. The mass of white popped out wings such as bats and tried to flee by flying. It doesn’t seem able to fly high and was in a dangerous situation. I was looking at the scene while eating my sandwich. But suddenly the mass of white changed its direction and flying towards me.

Hmm... it’s looks familiar!?

While thinking that, the mass of white strucks my chest. I didn’t feels any hostility so I accept it without any resistance in particular, although I was surprised. I attempted to check what the mass of white was, but before I could Orthros appeared in front of me.

[[Grrrrrr.....]]

It was growling and raised their drooling mouths at me. I wonder if they thought it was catching a big prey. After wiping drool with its tongue, one of the head opened its mouth.

[Be quiet!!] (Wazu)

dogoooooon!!!!

I stopped the movement of Orthros with one arm as it was slammed to the ground. Good grief, don't disturb people's meal. I throw the rest of sandwich in my mouth. I confirmed the Orthros which seemed dead because I forgot to hold back..... what a frightening force as always.

munch... munch... gulp

I swallowed sandwich inside my mouth and peeling the mass of white which was still attached to me and brougt it in front of my eyes.

[Kyauu!!]

The mass of white was looking at me and crying. It has a body such as reptile. Despite looking sturdy it has childish characteristic. Large black pupils as if sucking the light. While it small, there are sharp claws on its hand and feet also sharp teeth. A long tail and its body surface is covered with beautiful white scales. The one I'm picking and lifting now certainly is a white dragon. I mean, it looks familiar.....

[Could it be..... are you Meru?] (Wazu)

[Kyui!! Kyui!!] (Meru)

She was nodding happily. Oh, Do you understand human speech? It's definitely Meru. What are you doing in a place like this?

Meru is the daughter of a Dragons couple back when I was live in the mountain. It's a simple encounter, we got close to each other after fighting.

The married(?) couple both understood human speech, speaking was also possible. At that time the husband said---

[Guhaha!! Why is there a little human in such place? Let's beat and crush him to kill time]

---so I rushed and silenced him. Now that I think about it, my status was abnormal at that time..... after that, I came to apologize but was turned away by hand's gesturing only. And then I was intoduced to Meru. I remember the couple always complained about each other.

What was that again? If I remember correctly..... the husband's name is Black Dragon Ragnil and the wife's is White Dragon Meral. Ragnil who had proclaimed himself as a Dragon King. I was remembering, but---

[Huh? Isn't your home in that Mountain? What are you doing here?] (Wazu)

[Kyuii... Kyuii~...] (Meru)

It is useless. I do not understand.

[Hmm... are you together with Ragnal and Meral?] (Wazu)

[Kyuii !!!] (Meru)

Meru's small hand pointed at the mountain top and tried to beckoning me to come with her.

[..... so the rumored Dragon was you guys] (Wazu)

I letting out sigh and heading there with Meru on top of my head.

Chapter 22 - The White Dragon (Wife) Has Been Hurt

I’m heading towards the mountain’s summit by walking. On my head Meru was enjoying herself, laze around while loosening her limbs. Well it doesn't matter since since I don't particularly feel any weight, but how about giving me some guidance? That said, right now I was standing in front of a cave near the mountain’s summit. I felt a huge presence from inside, however there was only one.

Huh? Just one..... Well, I will know upon entering the cave.

There were no traps, before long I come to the innermost cave where The White Dragon was lying. It’s Meral, A huge body around 8m in length that looks strong and supple. The scales on her body surface shine suspiciously white. Combined with her golden eyes, it's no exaggeration to call her the most beautiful Dragon in the world.

Meral smiles with relief but when noticing that someone was with Meru she stood and raised her vigilance. After realized who I was she is back lowered her guard down.

[You are that boy.....] (Meral)

[Long time no see, Meral] (Wazu)

[Oh you could talk. I was worried you couldn’t because you never uttered a word before] (Meral)

[Sorry, there were a lot circumtances at that time.....] (Wazu)

[Is that so. I won’t pry any deeper, once again may I know you name?] (Meral)

[Ah my name is Wazu, sorry for everything back then] (Wazu)

I said so and lowered my head a little as not to dropped Meru. After raised my head I begun to explain the situation.

[I met Meru a short while ago near the lake when she was being attacked by Orthros. I don’t know about the details because I don't understand what she is saying] (Wazu)

[Thank you very much also sorry for the inconvenience. My daughter Meru, can you tell me what happened?] (Meral)

[Kyuii! KyuiKyuiKyui!! Kyuiiiii!!] (Meru)

[..... I see. Probably while finding unmanageable leisure of running after a bird, she seem to have strayed into the forest and steps on a snake tail of Orthros. I'm very thankful to Wazu for saving my daughter] (Meral)

[..... You have an energetic daughter there. I just happened to be there so

don’t mind it but please becareful for the next time] (Wazu)

I lightly stroking Meru’s head.

[I will pay more attention to Meru from now on. By the way, why is Wazu in this place?] (Meral)

[Ah you see, apparently some people saw you guys. I came here to investigate whether there was a danger. So I’d like to ask what are you doing here? Your home in the Center Mountain, isn't? Also I didn’t see Ragnil anywhere?] (Wazu)

(TL : Wazu called it “Center Mountain” Because the mountain where he was live before was located in the center of continent. There is no specific name so far)

[..... That man---] (Meral)

Hmm? Her look become severe for some reason..... had Ragnil done something?

[When I was giving Meru a ride on my back and strolling through the air---] (Meral)

gulp...

[He was having an affair with a young daughter of a Red Dragon] (Meral)

[..... Hah?] (Wazu)

Haaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!??? What are you doing? That guy! Even though he had such a beautiful wife!! What the heck was he thinking??

[So I came back to my family home together with Meru] (Meral)

[..... Home? ..... Did you mean this place?] (Wazu)

[Ah, nobody lives here. To be exact it was the place where I spent my childhood. I have contacted my mother and I am waiting here] (Meral)

Haa..... really, what are you doing? This couple.... I wonder if it's really the best option to be separated. I think it's better to reconcile and go back to live together in the Center Mountain.....

[..... Ermm I know it's not my business, but why don't you reconcile?] (Wazu)

[Not happening. Unless he comes to apologize to me] (Meral)

I figured~ Well, Ragnil was in the wrong here. Huh? Is that all..... it can be solved if Ragnil comes to apologize? After I heard it I couldn't just stay

still. Even though it’s safe right now if everything's just left as it, maybe some Knighs will be sent to subjugate her. I have to make a move as quickly as possible.....

Haa..... can’t be helped..... it’s troublesome though.....

[I will talk to Ragnil so please don’t make any commotion because it won't be good. If possible, I will bring him here to apologize] (Wazu)

[We~Well..... I have no right to stop you, so you may do as you like. It’s absolutely not because I want to meet Ragnil] (Meral)

If it's so, don't blatantly show me such joyful face. Her face turned red while her body fidgeting..... she was easy to read.

I gently put Meru down from my head. I mean, she was sleeping all this time. Is my head really that comfortable? I gently stroked Meru and turned my attention towards Meral, she was busy polished her scales cheerfully. She really can’t hide her feeling, this wife. I didn’t promised to absolutely bring Ragnil here, so please don’t expect so much.

[Well then I’m off] (wazu)

[.....] (Meral)

Hey it’s good to take care your appearance but at least give me a reply. I left the cave and headed to Central Mountain while spiting a sigh.

Chapter 23 - Dragon King, Let's Apologize

I left the cave and was heading to the abode of The Dragon King that's located in the center mountain. I was running lightly from the cave, after some dinstance I started running a little more seriously. The scenery rapidly changed. Down the mountain, through the highway, into the forest, going up the mountain. The mountain-specific climate change had begun. From frigid to burning, but I was in hurry and didn't have a time to mind it. Well it's just insignificant for me who was accustomed to it. I hopped up as to not lose my speed. After passing the cloud that decorated the Mountain summit, the climate became to stabilize and it was time for the sun to set already.

It takes a few hours to come up here..... maybe I should spend the night at Ragnil's place. If I remember correctly his home on this way.....

In front of my eyes there was a huge building. A majestic white castle with a huge gate, this place is the abode of Dragon King. I entered the castle casually, it’s been a long time since I last came here. At that time I was brought against my will. I progressed further, not long after I arrive to the throne room of the white castle where Ragnil was.

[Yo!! Long time no se...] (Wazu)

[..... Hmm? What are.....

Oh it’s you!! So you could speak!!] (Ragnil)

Husband and wife had a similiar reaction.

Ragnil is a Black Dragon with 12m length muscular body. Glossy black eyes and scales that covered his body as if sucking the light. From his head there are two large horns pointed sharply. But now he seems to be a little haggard.

[Wazu, that's my name. Because it's troublesome I will get to the point, are you cheating on your wife?] (Wazu)

[~Ugh!! How could!? You can read my mind? No..... did you hear it from Meral!? Where is she now??] (Ragnil)

Ragnil is looming over me. Too close, he was too close, could you move a little away!!

[What are you going to do after see her?] (Wazu)

[Of course, I will bring her back!!] (Ragnil)

[How?] (Wazu)

[I am Dragon King, she would listen to my words and return] (Ragnil)

Haaa..... this guy is no good..... he didn't understand his situation..... it's not about your status. It's a matter about woman where the reason doesn't work. I don't have a lover, I was dumped by Aria and Sarona, it might be

unreasonable for present me but I couldn’t help saying. Also this Dragon King is my friend, first of all let’s hear the story from his side.

Apparently things aren't what they seems to be. Because it seems a young female Red Dragon persistently kept inviting him for a meal, he reluctantly went with the other dragon. But when he noticed it, there was only the two of them and at the same time Meral had witnessed it.

You have been set up. Perhaps the other Dragons also worked behind the scene. That's a pretty carnivorous-system of Dragon. No, they were carnivorous to begin with. The real problem is The Red Dragon Karel. She was a beauty with a nice body (from a dragons perspective) so Ragnil had an urge to look at her.

[As a man I understand your feeling but the situation is getting worse. Anyway..... for the time being let’s apologize to Meral] (Wazu)

[Why should a Dragon King apologize? I did nothing wrong!!] (Ragnil)

[.....] (Wazu)

This guy's useless.

[Haaa..... first of all, the matter about you being the Dragon King is not related to the problem] (Wazu)

[?] (Ragnil)

This guy..... it shown all over his face that he didn't understand. Should I beat him..... ah, that's right!

[How about we look from the reverse point of view. For example, Meral was having a meal with a young male dragon together, only the two of them] (Wazu)

[What did you say!!!!! I will kill him!!!!! tell me where is he!!!!!] (Ragnil)

[Calm down, it's just an example..... and then you saw the scene and decided to run away from home] (Wazu)

(TL : Just like a certain someone, man look at yourself!! :D)

[..... I see] (Ragnil)

[There Meral came and said "Let's go back" without apologizing first. Will you forgive her and come back home?] (Wazu)

[.....Ughh.....] (Ragnil)

Ragnil was imagining it while placing his hand on chin.

[I will never forgive her..... or rather I would getting furious] (Ragnil)

[Right? in other word what you are going to do will make the situation get worse] (Wazu)

[..... You are right] (Ragnil)

It seems he somewhat understood the situation. Thanks god, it seems I managed to explain it somehow.

[And, that's the reason I have came here. Tomorrow I will bring you to meet Meral, will you apologize properly? Or rather you should apologize!!] (Wazu)

[..... I understand. I can't bear just to imagine it. Meral must have been hurt. I will obediently apologize, will she forgive me.....] (Ragnil)

It's all right. She was busy worrying about her appearance when I told her I would bring you.

[It's as good over there. So, what are you going to do with The Red Dragon? It will be troublesome if the same thing happened again some day..... For example, could you introduced her to someone?] (Wazu)

[I see..... let's intoduce her to some young and promising person that suits her] (Ragnil)

[Well, I will leave the matter to you..... more importantly, don't forget to apologize to Meral first, okay?] (Wazu)

[I know it already] (Ragnil)

After that we had a silly talk about our current conditions with each other and slept.

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Later, Wazu would succeed Raginil as The New Dragon King and the beautiful Red Dragon would be there by his side. Ragnil introduced Wazu to The Red Dragon and by her family suggestion, the two of them ended up getting married, then they lived in harmony as a family. Although it has become the first step for coexistence between Human and Dragon, for Wazu it was just a way for Ragnil to free himself from all the troublesome things and pushed it all to him.

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On the next day Ragnil was riding atop my hand. I lifted and held him firmly.

[What kind of situation is this..... I have a bad feeling about it] (Ragnil)

[Don’t worry. Because I have been involved with your couple’s problem, let me do this much at least..... okay, here we go!!] (Wazu)

I said so and begun an approach-run.

[Wait, it’s imposible-----] (Ragnil)

[Fly high Ragnill!!] (Wazu)

I was throwing Ragnil towards the mountain where Meral is.

Chapter 24 - Oh? Their Number Is Increasing

After throwing Ragnil, I come down from The Mountain in a hurry and aiming towards Meral's place. To be frank, I don't want to get involved with their problem any further and just want going home already. But there is a matter about the request, also I'm little worried about this couple.

I ran quite seriously so I have arrived at the lake before noon. The trees in the vicinity were blown down, the ground was scooped out, and at the center there was a big vacant hole. As if something big had crashed in that place before..... hmm no problem. I nodded and went to the cave where the married couple should be.

I stood in front of the cave's entrance and noticed something strange. I can feel four presences within the cave. Ragnil, Meral, Meru..... who is the other one? I wonder if it's their acquaintance? Who cares. I entered the cave without thinking too deeply.

I almost shouting on the scene in front of my eyes. There was another White Dragon beside Meral thats was similar to her. Compared to Meral her scales were a little darkish, but there was a dignity overflowing from her that can't be compared with anyone in this place. Speaking of which, Meral had said that she was waiting for her mother at this place. Maybe this is her mother. Meru is cradled by The White Dragon and seems to be sleeping. On the other hand, Ragnil in front of Meral and her mother was---

He was on all fours. He placed his head on the ground skillfully. I wonder why..... as the fellow man, I almost cried looking at him. I averted my eyes at the dinstance place. More importantly are you still alive Ragnil? that's right it must be tears of happiness to see you in good health..... Yeah I'm sure..... probably..... Okay, I have confirmed his safety and the problem has been solved. Let's go home quietly before they noticed me.

[Kyuii! Kyuii!] (Meru)

woosh!! patatata---

Meru which suddenly got up was flying towards my direction so I stopped my steps. How did you noticed me!? And then I turned my line of sight cautiously---

[Oh, are you Wazu? I heard about you from my daughter Meral..... well done for bringing this stupid husband of my daughter]

[He-Hello.....] (Wazu)

I say so while lowering my head and, Meru moved to the top of my head with *moshomosho* . Hey, I didn't bowed for that! Ignooring my feeling Meru started to loosen her limbs atop my head. Has it become your exclusive resting place somehow?

[HaHaHa..... it seems Meru really likes you. I heard from my daughter and the silly person over there]

[Ah, yes.....] (Wazu)

What is it? I am being appraised.

[Fumu..... even I can't tell the limit of his strength. It's as my daughter said, I can leave Meru to him without worry]

[Wait!! What are you talking about mother-in-law!! I didn't remember accepting it!!] (Ragnil)

[Shut up!! I don't remember allowed you to speak. Besides who said you can raise your head?]

His objection has been dismissed. With a perplexed face, he placed his head back on the ground. Hang in there Ragnil!! I'm sure you will be shining tomorrow!!

[Well then, I haven't introduced myself. My name is Megil, I am Meral's mother and the former Dragon Queen, also I'm the dependable grandmother of Meru] (Megil)

[M-My name is Wazu] (Wazu)

Former Dragon Queen huh. No wonder she was so majestic.

[Wazu, actually I have a little favor to ask, will you help me?] (Megil)

[Well, depending on the content but.....] (Wazu)

[It's a simple thing. Could you show the outside world to Meru? I want Meru to learn the world outside The Mountain. However, for a young dragon, I do not know if there will be any danger. But if it's you---] (Megil)

[In other words, escorted Meru?] (Wazu)

[Nothing like that. I just want Meru to stay with you for a while and if there is danger I want you to protect her] (Megil)

[.....] (Wazu)

Umm..... I don't mind in particular. But I wonder if it's all right to separated Meru from her parents

[Don't worry about her parents. My daughter had approved of this matter so there is no problem] (Megil)

You didn't need Ragnil approval?

[In addition, when it's rare, Meru has mastered Space Magic. I think it will help you a lot] (Megil)

Wow, it's means she can use The Item Box that people talking about. With this I can stored any items freely..... Although there is a bag with similiar function with this magic, on contrary with its high price, the amount of items you can strored inside is limited. But this is an infinite storage when it

comes to the magic itself, also the time is stopped inside The Item Box. It seems there is no human that can use this type of magic. Certainly it's will be a big help.....

[Is this really all right?] (Wazu)

[According to this couple, from your behavior, you are not a bad person. And above all else, it's because Meru really likes you] (Megil)

[Understood..... I will protect Meru] (Wazu)

[That's great. About this couple's problem just leave it to me because I will keep monitoring this idiot. You can return to your home right now] (Megil)

Ragnil has a hopeless expression on his face. I'm sorry Ragnil, tomorrow, you won't be shinning as well.....

[Well then I will excuse myself. Meru, you won't see each other for a while, how about say a goodbye first?] (Wazu)

[Kyuii!! Kyuii!!] (Meru)

[Grandma will be waiting for you. Good luck Meru] (Megil)

[Good luck!!] (Meral)

[Kyuii!!!] (Meru)

Looking at Megil and Meral grasp their fist to cheer, Meru also clenches her small hand to imitate. While I was not looking, Ragnil continued crying with a *eguegu* sound without uttering any words. I went out of the cave immediately after placing Meru atop my head and leave. Good luck with your life Ragnil.....

Without encountered any problem, I have arrived to the location where I can see the city's entrance. I continue to walk while feeding Meru a fruits that I found on the way here, but somehow this place is getting noisy.

Chapter 25 - Majin (Demon)

[Orlando!! Did something happen?] (Wazu)

I had returned to Rinikku city. Because I saw a familiar face, I asked about the situation to him. Since earlier there were many people that are going out of the city in a hurry, as if trying to run away from this place.

[Oh Wazu. On the other side of this place ------Dr-Dragon-----!!!!!] (Orlando)

[It’s all right. Well.... how should I put it....] (Wazu)

Crap!! I had completely forgoten. Orlando has already took a battle stance.... what to do now....

[Do-Don’t tell me the Dragon is.... a Familiar?] (Orlando)

A Familiar?

If I remember correctly, it was a contracted monster to help you in battle.... good, let’s use that as an excuse.

[We-Well.... something like that.... probably....] (Wazu)

[Kyuii!! *peshipeshi*] (Meru)

Meru is hitting my head with *peshipeshi*. Are you protesting? Stop, it can't be helped you know.

[Haa.... to have a Dragon as a Familiar, you are amazing as expected. That's right.... you better put something as proof of your Familiar, you don't want to attract unnecessary commotion inside the city right? That said, it's still bring commotion because it's a Dragon] (Orlando)

[Thank you. I will think about it when I have received my reward] (Wazu)

Orlando passed me a red band from a bag that was placed on the simple desk behind him, I accepted it. I try to put it on Meru's neck just as is, but she shakes her head unwillingly. Eh, what do you want me to do? Although I don't know whether my thought was transmitted to Meru. She got off from my head and abruptly drew a picture, such as the butterfly on the ground.... Oh you want me to make such form..... I get it.... Yes Yes I understand. Meru is a girl, she also wants to dress up beautifully. I tied the red band in the form of a butterfly on Meru's neck while struggling. She flew back to my head after satisfied with the result.

[And then Orlando, I heard a lot commotion since a while ago, what on earth is going on?] (Wazu)

[Ah that's right!! On the other side of this place there was a plain, and over there Majin had appeared!! Also there were three of them!! At the moment, a Adventurer group of B-rank or more had gone to subjugated it. I don't know how long they will last so I am trying to evacuate the citizens right now....] (Orlando)

[....Majin?] (Wazu)

Orlando was surprised when I asked him what a Majin is. According to what I heard from Orlando, Majin is an ex-human which is said to be a minion of Evil God. This is a result of a human body making contact with a space called Magic Reservoir where monsters are born. While the status are greatly increase, you will be dominate by a destruction impulse and run out of control, currently there is no means to turn it back into a human. They had been made a target of subjugation right now. It seems Orlando could tell if a person had turned to Majin. As for myself, I can't imagine what it looks like because I don't have the slightest idea about it.

I went across downtown and hurried to the plain where the adventurers fought with the Majin while thinking the information over in my mind. Abandoning this city is not an option. It's not my hometown but some of my acquaintances are living in this city.

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I thought the adventurers which were in charge of guarding the other city gate would stop me, but they let me pass by smoothly. Apparently they know me because of the mock battle the other day. I had arrived at the plain. In front of me the battle has been carried out by around 20 Adventurers. They are surrounding the three Majin together, because of that I can't confirm the appearence of those Majin in question. From what I can see, rather than challenge it aggressively, they are devoting themselves to defensively fight in order to buy time for citizens to evacuate. I found Regan was issued commands at the place litte behind from Adventurers. I approached him to ask about the situation.

[Regan!! How is the situation] (Wazu)

[Oh Wazu. It's great that you have come ----Dr-Dragon!!! On your head!!!] (Regan)

This again.... I came to ask about the current situation, just tell me already.

[We are barely holding out so far.... but the opponents are bad news, I don't know when the ballance will collapse] (Regan)

[Huh? What do you mean?] (Wazu)

[Do you know about Majin?] (Regan)

[Ah a little while ago I heard the basic things from Orlando] (Wazu)

[That's good enough. To put it simple, the person itself was already strong before turning into a Majin. Now it's become even more troublesome because of the status rise] (Regan)

In other words because they were already strong since the beginning, right now they are getting stronger.

[They woke up yesterday and left the city. I thought they had returned to the countryside. But this morning, I heard from a peddler that Majin was heading to the city. I ran to the guild at once and gathered the B-rank or higher Adventurers to opposed The Majin as soon as possible, but....] (Ragen)

[Hmm? They?] (Wazu)

He turned his eyes to a direction where Majin and Adventurers fight with a bitter face.

[Those three Majin are the former of Black Flame bunch] (Regan)

[Haa??] (Wazu)

Chapter 26 - The End Of Black Flame

On Regan's words, I recalled the three guys from Black Flame.... how was their face again? I only paid attention to their hair color so I couldn't remember it. Well if Regan say so, it must be true.

[Their origin are A-rank Adventurers. To make it worse, currently there are no people that can match their raised power in this city. Our hands already too full just to hold the battle, but....] (Regan)

Regan was looking at my face.

[To be honest, I didn't think you would come back this soon. Did you hear about the news and decided to abandon your mountain investigation request?] (Reagn)

[Don't be silly, I had finished it properly. But when I came back, the city was already in this state] (Wazu)

[Haa?.... it takes a few days to travel form the city to the mountain.... are you serious?] (Regan)

[You did hear me. The evidence is the Dragon atop my head. By the way,

there will be no danger in the mountain any more] (Wazu)

[....Absurd, I should quit applying common sense to your action.... your power is....] (Regan)

Oii, that's sound like I don't have common sense. How rude!

[Tell me the details later.... you hear?] (Regan)

[No problem. I wonder if Keyla-san and Lula are still in the city because I will be in their care again. I want to rest quickly] (Wazu)

Regan nods once at my dauntless smile. He judged me as a strong Adventurer.

[You lot!! Open the way!! We will end this quickly!!] (Regan)

The Adventurers look back at Regan's angry voice, after confirming my appearance they are opening the way. This is should be the first time I saw Majin, but---

I'm feeling deja vu with their figure. I think, I have seen it somewhere before. They are nothing like a human anymore though. The red eyes, cracked face as if broken, swelled up limbs with nails that sharply increased and extended.

....That's right. Their figure is similar with the guy I fought back in the Elf village, he had look better than those three though.

[Just to make sure. Are there really no means to turn them back?] (wazu)

[Well.... at least don’t make them suffer....] (Regan)

I can’t give any reply to Regan’s grievous expression.

[[[....Aaa ....Gaa ....]]]

They even seems to have no ego anymore. When the six red eyes noticed me blocking thier way, they swung their big claws at me together.

[[[Gaaaaaaaa!!!!!!!!!]]]

Just as Regan asked me. At the very last, I will end their suffering with my power. I finished the three of them in single blow....

“Farewell Black Flame!” I said so in a low voice.

(TL : >,< Ugh something get into my eyes. Why don't they just disappear quitely while leaving a memory about them doing that stupid combination attack)

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A few days have passed since the Maijin uproar and the city was already regaining its usual vigor. Although I just wanted to rest quietly in the inn. Everyday, the adventurers who were in this place always talked about my fight with Majin in the day until night. About how I finished them with a single blow etc. Honestly it's embarassing, I can't eat in ease.

Meru was recognized as my Familiar. They were surprised at first, but soon enough Meru has been accepted by the poeple. Adventurers were spreading rumor about how I defeated Majin and saved the city, because of that people are regarding me as a Hero. I think this fact has playing a big part with how people have easily accepted Meru.

When I walking down the street, the children stop by and try to give sweets for Meru. Even the adults that own stalls also give me a little service. I have asked Keyla-san to prepare a meal for Meru in the inn. Although Lula had tried to feeding Meru, each time she refused and only want to eat from my hand. Please give up already beacuse I think it's impossible.

I told Regan that I had chased away the Dragon in mountain, it's because the fact that they probably wouldn't be there anymore. Since Orthros also was there I told about this guy as well. And thus the investigation report completed and I received 30 gold coins Uhahaha. I keep a few gold coins for myself and stored the rest inside Meru's Space-time Magic.

I have nothing special to do so I spent my free time talking with Orlando, or unwillingly listening to professor Lula talking about The Inn Way, or playing with Meru etc. Ah there was also a call from Regan, again? What is it this time?

As usual Ema-san guided me to the guild master room. Upon entering the room, Regan was already waiting with a smile on his face. I won't be happy to see a bald middle-aged-man smiling at me. By the way Meru was

sleeping atop my head.

[Ou, you've come! Please sit down] (Regan)

[....Thanks] (Wazu)

We sit face-to-face as usual and then Regan placed a bag that make a *thud* sound because of its weight.

[What is this? Is this the reason that I was called for?] (Wazu)

[Yeah! Well, there was also another thing though. Just try to open the bag first] (Regan)

When I opened the bag to check its content, a large amount of gold had entered my field of vision. Uwaaa....

[It's 300 gold coins in total. It's all yours] (Regan)

[....Huh?] (Wazu)

[It's the reward for the Majin subjugation. 100 gold coins for each body. The compensation is high because they were former A-ranked Adventurer] (Regan)

[I see] (Wazu)

Regan is the only one who knows about those guys background. There are various mixed feeling in my heart right now, I can't just accept it happily. But Regan pushed the gold coins while telling me not to worrying to much. I receive it and put the bag next to me.

[Even so it's really strange.... there should be no Magic Reservoir around here.... I wonder if it just appeared recently?] (Regan)

[Even if you ask me.... I have never see such a thing before] (Wazu)

[I figured.... Well, I will put an investigation request at a later time in regards to that. And then---] (Regan)

Regan got closer to me with a good mood smile that I had never seen up to now. Stop that, you're creeping me out. I feel like hitting him unconsciously.

[Are you free now?] (Regan)

[....I don't have any plans in particular] (Wazu)

[That's good, I will bring you to a good place right now] (Regan)

Chapter 27 - The Place You Brought Me Was....

A horse-drawn carriage has been prepared in front of the guild, I rode it with Regan and leave this place. The 300 gold coins also have been stored inside the Space-time Magic. While paying no attention to Regan's story about how cute Lula is, I getly put down sleeping Meru on the carriage seat.

I wondered where Regan was about to take me so I checked the outside from a small window. Casino, theater, and tavern were scattered around, th-this is a red-light district for sure. It's the first time I come to such a place. My heart is pounding faster, where is he going to take me?

After a while, the horse-drawn carriage stopped in front of a mansion. Surrounded by trees, a mansion is visible from a big and luxurious gate. This is a two-story building that even bigger and more luxurious that the gate. The road leading from the gate to the palace has also been properly maintained, I lost sense of reality for a moment. Huh? Could it be I'm going to meet an aristocrat. But I don't know a thing about etiquette. How about my clothes? I just wore my usual clothes.... will it be alright....

[This isn't a place as you thought] (Regan)

Regan is uttering a word of denial to me who broke into a cold sweat.

[Then what is this place?] (Wazu)

[This is the store where a man comes to embrace so called woman. In addition this is highest quality one in this city] (Regan)

[.....Haa? You cheating? Don't involve me] (Wazu)

[Wha~!! I'm not!! The owner of this place was my party member when I Was still adventuring!! He wants to show his gratitude because you saved the city!!] (Regan)

While I'm still upset at Regan's word, the horse-drawn carriage stopped in front of a big door of the mansion.

I placed Meru atop my head and then we take off from the carriage. Regan was hitting the door continuesly.

[Oi! It's me, Regan. I have brought him~!!] (Regan)

The door opened, a slender attractive middle-aged man with short brown grizzled hair came to receive us from the inside. He wore a black tuxedo excellently. After confirming Regan's and my presence with his long slit eye, he put on a meek smile.

[Yo~ Regan! You've come early!]

[Because you asked me, of course I can't be late] (Regan)

[So, the man with a Dragon on his head is the rumored hero, he seems

ordinary though?]

....What? He tried to intimidate me with a smile. In contrary to his appearance, I can feel a warrior's aura within.

[Hey, stop it! Garret! Certainly he looks ordinary, but his strength is the real deal. It won't leave a scratch even if we challenged him together] (Regan)

[....I see. He could receive my intimidation calmy. I can't feel the bottom of his strenght, so I should belive he defeated Majin with a single blow. I'm Garret, the owner of this place, nice to meet you] (Garret)

[Ha~a, nice to meet you] (Wazu)

Then Garret-san opening the door wide and invited us to come in. Once inside, we passed a location such as a counter. He guided us to a reception room further in the back.

[There are no customer since it's not time to open yet. This place should do, I will bring something to drink, plase wait a moment] (Garret)

Garret-san entering the room next to the reception room. There is a staircase heading to the second floor, a large number of doors can be seen from this place. The tables have been arranged in the center of the reception room which make a quiet atmosphere. I lost my composure and felt restless being in the adult space. Before I knew Regan had sat on a big sofa and chuckled while seeing my situation.

[What is this? Could it be it's your first time coming to such a place?] (Regan)

[That’s.....] (Wazu)

I sat next to Regan with a sulky face. Meru on my head had woken up because I keep looking around restlessly. Seeming interested with the reception room, she flew around the room with a pitter-patter.

[Don’t tell me, you didn't have any experience?] (Regan)

[.....] (Wazu)

I averted my eyes at Regan’s question. I mean.... I’m not popular, Aria had betrayed me, when I confessed to Sarona-san, she turned me down.... Haaaa....

[I see.... well.... how should I put this.... someday you can do it!! Don’t worry!! Okay?] (Regan)

Please stop with the poor consolation. I feels like crying now.

[Hmm? What is this? Somehow the air is strange?] (Garret)

Garret-san appeared from the room with a Sake bottle. After he placed a glass in front of us he filled it with Sake.

(TL : I think there is no need to explain it but just in case you didn't know. Sake is Japanese liquor mainly made from rice. Ask google for more details)

[So, what are you talking about?] (Garret)

He said so while pouring Sake in his glass. Please don’t bring it up! I hide my face with both hands.

[Well, that’s.... this guy told me it’s the first time he's come to such a shop.... and.... he has no experience.... also....] (Regan)

[Hmm.... how old are you?] (Garret)

[....17 years old] (Wazu)

[15 years old is already an adult by law. There is no problem, okay it’s a service on me] (Garret)

[Eh?] (Wazu)

[Oh! It’s not bad, right?] (Regan)

[Haa?] (Wazu)

Wa-Wa-Wait a minute.... Huh? Here? Right now? Wh-What should I do.... my heart isn’t ready....

[That's an interesting story, shall I become your partner then?]

I was surprised to suddenly hear a woman's voice. She was coming down the stairs from the second floor slowly.

Chapter 28 - For the first time....

I was fascinated by a woman who came down from the second floor. Blue hair as clear as the sea hat was down to her waist, slightly droopy dark-blue eyes that showed a tenderness. In addition, the graceful features that didn't impair her hair and eye color, not too slim nor too plump. This was the best body proportional. Although it was covered with a light blue dress which seems transparent, but her abundant chest seems to overflow the dress. Indeed, she gave off an adult elder sister aura....

[Owner, is this person the Hero who saved our city?]

[Well, different from his appearance but he is a monster inside] (Garret)

[It’s rude to put it that way, right?]

This Onee-san looked at me with a gentle smile. Somehow my face become hot. I looking down to averted my eyes from her.

[Oh dear]

[Gahhahha!! Ngungu..... Puha!! Apparently he can’t stands Tata’s sex appeal] (Regan)

[.....Tata?] (Wazu)

[That's my name. I am Tata, pleasure to meet you] (Tata)

She introduced herself so

This Onee-san.... Tata-san gracefully bowed---

[And so, may I have the Hero-sama's name?] (Tata)

Again, her gentle smile is coming towards me. Just to look at her makes my heart race, I introduced myself while avoiding eye contact.

[....Wazu~ ....My name is Wazu] (Wazu)

[Wazu-sama it is, what a lovely name] (Tata)

[Th-Thank you very much] (Wazu)

Somehow I manage to introduced myself properly. When I shifting my line of sight, Regan and Garret-san were grinning while drinking their Sake in great relish. I will hit them later. Feeling my blood thrist, the two of them twitches their bodies.

[By the way Tata, about what you just said earlier.... is that alright? I was going to leave this matter to other girls....] (Garret)

[I don’t mind, I wanted it myself. Also, why hesitate at this late hours, it’s not like this is my first time] (Tata)

[....Well, if you say so] (Garret)

Listening to the excange between Tata-san and Garret-san, somehow the air feels heavy. Occasionally Regan also spoke with a serious face. I can’t following the flow of events at all, somehow I have been left out alone....

For the time being I will wait until their talk ends.

Hmm.... let’s drink Sake since it has been served, it’s just right as I feel a little thirsty anyway.

By the way is there any meaning I’m here?

Gulp! Gulp!---

Ugh, so this is Sake---

Well, this is the first time I've drank it---

But no problem because I’m an adult already---

Gulp! Gulp!---

Whoa~ my throat burning

[....Wazu ....are ....you ....!?] (Regan)

Huh? What are you talking about? I can’t hear you? Ahaha what’s with your

face Baldie, it’s funny---

What happen? Is there some monster appear? Yosh, I will kick their ass---

Just wait a moment Baldie---

Gulp! Gulp!---

[Ah.... it’s.... useles....] (Regan)

What is this.... what are you saying out of the blue, Baldie? don't give me that worried look! Just stay still and it will finish in an instant....

[Gu~u..... Zzz.....] (Wazu)

Huh!!!

Where is it? Or rather, why was I lying down? Umm... hurts!!! My head is hurt!!! Wh-What is this? Is someone attacking me with magic or something? Uu....

Since a glass of water is visible inside my field of vision, I drink it up in one gulp because my throat was dry. Delish!! The water is delicous!!!

After drank the water, I look around to confirm this place.... Yup, this is my usual room at the inn. Meru was sleeping next to me.

Well, I wonder why I was sleeping here. I can't remember anything. When I tried to recall what happened to me before, Keyla-san opens the door and came in.

[Oh you're awake, how are you feeling?] (Keyla)

[My head is hurt somewhat but is not a big deal, probably. By the way why I was sleeping here?] (Wazu)

[You don't remember?] (Keyla)

[....Too bad, I completely have no idea] (Wazu)

[Do you remember going to Garret's store?] (Keyla)

Garret!?..... Garret..... Aah!!

[Ah, certainly I went there. But I don't remember coming back here] (Wazu)

[I just heard it from my husband, apparently you passed out after drinking liquor at Garret's store so he brought you back] (Keyla)

Drunk? come to think of it I did drink something there.... that's right, Garret-san brought out a liquor bottle and then.... Yup, I drank Sake there. That

reminds me, in the description of my Abnormal State Nullification skill there was one exception. At that time only liquor that comes to my mind.... so it's really that. I need to becareful not to drink anymore....

[Well, just ask my husband if you want to know the details] (keyla)

After confirming my condition, Keyla-san refilled the glass with water and went out the room. I drank the water and got off the bed. Because it smelled like liquor, I change my clothes and wiped my body.

After tidying up my clothes, I put the sleeping Meru on my head and headed towards the adventurer guild.

I met Regan at the adventurer guild and was listening about yesterday's event. There is nothing important in particular because I just drank and immediately passed out, after that he brought me back to the inn. I have caused him trouble so I apologize and conveyed my gratitude.

I had finished my business. Just when I was about to leave the room, Regan said something that peeked my interest with a grinning face.

[That reminds me, Tata left a message for you] (Regan)

Tata? ....Ah that amazingly beautiful Onee-san.

["I will wait for your next visit" she said. You should meet her properly later] (Regan)

With a red face I close the door in a hurry.

Chapter 29 - I Asked One More Time

I knew it, there was no reason for a beauty Tata-san to be interested in me. Such an ordinary guy like me is no match for her. She must be feeling sorry with me back then. She was not serious with her words at that time. Well if it's not, when she said to come back again, there must be no deep meaning about it. So, don't put any expectation. You aren't suposed to have a dream. Because in the end you will get hurt, surely....

Ye-Yeah.... I will be alright, in this kind of situation I just need to apologize and leave. Don't think unneccessary stuff. Even so, my heart is still restless. Even now, my cheeks are hot somewhat just to remember about Tata-san. There is something burning inside my heart.....

Tata-san, you are so beautiful~....

....Haa!! I can't, I can't, dangerous, dangerous. I can't shake her out of my mind. Fwuuh.... I wiped the sweat that floats on my forehead. As I thought, meeting her would be dangerous.... however, I have caused trouble to Garret-san. If I don't go to apologize even once, it would leave a bad taste on my mind ....*sigh*.... I have to be careful with Sake.

Yosh, let's go!!

In the night, I walked to red-light distric with an uneasy feeling. I mean, this

is just my second time, the last time I rode a horse-drawn carriage to go there so it can't be helped if it feels awkward.

Meru was.... I don't want to bring her along but she adamantly didn't want to leave my head so I let her be. From time to time, the sexy voice of Onee-sans calling me out. I doubled my pace to flee from them while hiding my embarassment.

Ughh... as I thought, it's better to go at tomorrow noon. However, I think that will disturb their rest, I mean they are working at the night but..... Yups impossible, let's going back.

sigh It's too late to return after going all the way here.

In front of the gate, a burly men dressed in black clothing was there. Their bulging muscle can be seen even from the top of their clothes. Thought as a suspicious guy that appeared and walking nonchalantly, they come talk in an intimidating voice.

[Boy, do you need something here? It's not a place for someone like you can enter]

I see, it's easy to understand. They are something like a guard huh. I need to respond carefully as not to attract an unnecessary attention. When I stay still on the spot wondering that, the men sent me a doubtful gaze. Oops!! At this rate we will end up with a situation where I injure them.

[Ah excuse me, I am Garret-sans acquaintance!? If it's possible, can I meet with him? I think you just need to tell him that Wazu is here, but....] (Wazu)

[[[Wazu!!!!!]]]

The men were surprised at once to hear my name. Huh? What is this? What happened?

[No, there is nothing wrong. Sorry for suspecting you as a suspicious person.... Oi, go to tell Garret-san!]

When the most scary guy say so, the person who was in the back running towards mansion.

[Hmm.... oh, you know about me from Garret-san?] (Wazu)

[There is also that, it's because you are the Hero who saved the city from Majin above all. I knew your name even though I didn't know your face]

[Hmm... huh? You mean I have become famous?] (Wazu)

[That kind of thing. Now, it is a name that everyone in this city knows]

Uwaaa... it's embarassing even though only my name is famous. But I'd like to apologize because my face is just like any ordinary guy you can find anywhere.

While waiting, I chatted with the guards led by Mr. Scary Face. As expected I have to decline with a wry smile when he wanted to taste my attack for himself. After that, a person who has been going to inform Garret-san come back. because I ask for someone to guide me, they suddenly begin a rock-

paper-scissor tournament to decide it. Well, am I really famous for them to go to that extent? In the end, the winner is Mr. Scary Face, he raised his hands high. Congratulation!

And now, with Mr. Scary Face's guidance I come to a room inside the mansion. I sat down on a sofa while waiting for Garret-san to arrive. It might not be a good manner but I can't help to look around restlessly. Meru is sleeping beside me peacefully, this child is often asleep huh. The room is furnished with moderate furniture with mainly black color that built a calm atmosphere, hou~.... it made me relax somewhat. Finally Garret-san appeared.

[Yo, sorry to make you wait] (Garret)

[No problem, I didn't wait that long. More importantly, I have caused you trouble yesterday so I came here to apologize] (Wazu)

[Eh? That's it? You just come to apologize?] (Garret)

[Bughh!!!] (Wazu)

Th-This man, what is he saying suddenly?

[Eh? You really just came to apologize? And I thought you have come for a different matter? What a man you are?] (Garret)

[Uuu.....] (Wazu)

[There there, you just need to be honest with yourself! How about I call Tata right now? The other party is enthusiastic] (Garret)

Enthusiastic?.... *gulp* the beauty Tata-san does....

No I can’t, as I thought is impossible.

[Well.... that.... this is the first time after all.... you know... like a girlfriend.... or...] (Wazu)

[Do you have a girlfriend?] (Garret)

silent----------

I fell down on the spot. There is none, but nothing wrong to have a little hope right? Aah my tears.... I wonder if I'm about to cry....

[Fufu.... then, how about I become your girlfriend? Or you dislike a woman who sold her body] (Tata)

Before I knew, Tata-san entered the room while looking at me. Di-Did she hear me~~~!!!!

[Hey it's bad manners to eavesdrop. This is a conversation between men] (Garret)

[I’m sorry. I just happened to hear my name when I pass by....] (Tata)

Tata-san put a mischievous smile while said so. She was a beauty, her smile was dazzling, I was slightly stunned. Immediately I averted my eyes, my self-confidence which was already in the red has gone further down because the fact that she has been listening to our conversation....

[So, I am no good?] (Tata)

Eeee!! She is serious? I wonder if I’m being teased? I don’t know. Hmm.... for now let’s answer it honestly with how I feels.

[Well.... is not you are no good, but....] (Wazu)

Uuu, calm done me....

[It just.... that sorts of thing.... is better if we know more of each other first] (Wazu)

[I see.... to know each other first, huh?] (Tata)

Huh? Turning my line of sight at Tata-san, I saw a friendly smile on her face.

[Because it was too suddenly, I will take my leave for today. Please come to see me again later so we can know each other more] (Tata)

[Ah, yes] (Wazu)

Somehow I can answer her naturally now. Is everything good? Tata-san went out the room after bowed graciously.

[Well, just tell the guard if want to come see Tata] (Garret)

Garret-san was looking while grinning throughout the exchange between Tata-san and me. I look at his face attentively but his smile didn't crumble in the slightest.

I sigh once and put Meru atop my head. I went out the room while saying --[Please excuse me]--

Chapter 30 - As Usual, The Nuisance Appears

Severeal days later, I visited Garret-san's place again as a promised. When I told Meru that I'd like to go, this time she just give a gesture as if saying "Don't mind me!" and began to playing with Lula, *sigh*..... Because of that I left her at the inn.

I have arrived at the mansion. Although the guards kindly let me enter, there I felt a gaze directed at me. When I turned my line of sight, I saw one beast-woman from the cat tribe staring strongly at me. Realizing she's been found out, she disappear into the mansion. That's? I wonder if she dislikes me coming here or something....

I gave my name to the receptionist and without further ado I was guided to the back room.

Inside the little dimly lit room I tried to look around at my surroundings. Blue walls and neatly arranged furniture. I could smell something sweet reaching my nose and there Tata-san came slowly from the direction I was looking at.

[Sorry to kept you waiting. I'm glad you have come just as promised] (Tata)

[N-No....] (Wazu)

We sat face-to-face inside the room. Ugh.... my heart isn’t ready yet.... the words don't come out well.... I looking down with a bright red face and then Tata-san begin to take off her clothes slowly.

[Wa-Wait, what are you doing?] (Wazu)

[Huh? This way we could knows each other better, right?] (Tata)

[Th-That’s wrong!! H-How about we starts with a conversation first] (Wazu)

[Yeah! I think so too] (Tata)

Huh? Looking at my reaction, I noticed Tata-san made a small giggle.

[You finally looking at me properly. Have you calmed down a little?] (Tata)

Apparently she played a trick on me in order to relieve my tension. Again, I turn my face from Tata-san while scratching my head.

[Well then, what should we talking about? Let’s see, first of all I was born and raised in this city. So, thank you very much for saving the city] (Tata)

[No, that’s.... I happy to hear that. I think it was a good thing to save the city] (Wazu)

From there on it become easy for me to have a conversation. I told her the story about me before I come to this city. But as expected I can’t tell her about Aria and Sarona-san, or the story about how I was living in

the Mountain.

The air turned a little dark when Tata-san told me about her own circumtance. The fact that she was working here because of her father’s debt. But she doesn't regret coming here because --[Everyone here is friendly]-- she said while smiling, I didn’t know what to say. But from what I can see, she wasn’t lying in order to gain my sympathy.

Inside this heavy atmosphere....

--[Okay! The story ends here]-- she said so while clapping her hands and smile. After that she taught me about specialties of this city, the famous landmarks, etc. Let’s take Meru there at a later time.

My nervousness hasn't completely disappear, but I think we had a fun conversation in its own way. But then, there was a ruckus from outside the room, a voice such as ranting was also heard. Whether Tata-san noticed it, she went toward a door to check the situation outside.

[Just bring her already!! I heard there was a super beauty called Tata working here, right? I want her to keep us accompanied!! Just move your ass quickly!!]

[I said, we don't accept a guests that using force like you guys---]

[Shut up!! You want us to destroy this store? We are A-rank adventurer!!]

Dogann!!!

A sound such as something breaking was heard after the voice. Reacting to the sound, Tata-san hurried her steps with a pale face as if all the blood had been drained from it.

[Opss my bad. I didn't think you are this weak. But this place... ah that's right, how about we guards this place? As a compensation, we just need a woman to open her crotch for us every night!!]

[Oh that's a good idea!! Let's do so!! Hey bring the owner here quickly!! While at it, we will doing the management here!! Gyahahahaha!!]

I look at the door where Tata-san went out. I rise from my seat while letting out a sigh and heading towards the voice's source following Tata-san. Good grief, were A-rank adventurers full of idiots....

[I am Garret the owner of this place. We don't need an idiots like you guys here!! Get the hell out of here!!] (Garret)

[Haa? Appaently it will be faster if we are used force on him]

[Garret-san!!!] (Tata)

[Ouu... the beauty-chan appeared!! Well it has been decided!! Yosh come here, today you will accompanied us]

[Kyaa!! Let me go!!] (Tata)

[Stop it!! You guys!!] (Garret)

[Shut up uncle!! You stay out of this]

Dogann!!!

The sound as if something break was heard again. I have arrived at the reception room where the commotion was happening. Desks and chairs were scattered or had been broken. Garret-san and Mr. Scary Face were knocked off to the wall on the left and right respectively. At the center there was 2 adventurer-esque people, the culprit of this commotion. Here and there, I can see guests and guards surround them. The beast-woman from that time also here. I follow the people line of sight that staring at one point, there Tata-san was cught by these guys.

[Gyahahaha!! Certainly she is really beautiful!! Yosh, you are my woman from now]

[Hey, that's unfair!! Let me join!!]

[I know it!! Well, I will be your partner first!!]

[I refuse!! Please let me go!!] (Tata)

Tata-san tried to break free from them, but it didn't seem to possible for her to escape.

sigh....

In an instant, the figure of Tata-san had disappeared from their eyes. I hold Tata-san in my arm with a princess carry.

[Good grief.... please don’t be reckkless, Tata-san] (Wazu)

Chapter 31 - Does A-rank Adventurer Full Of Idiots?

I put down Tata-san slowly.

[Are you alright? Did you get hurt anywhere?] (Wazu)

[.....] (Tata)

There is nothing wrong at a glance, but I asked just in case because there are also part that aren't visible from the clothes. But there is no response form Tata-san. Huh? Are you hurt somewhere? Eh? What should I do? While I worried about that, a voice of anger was heard from behind.

[Bastard!! How dare you to take my women away!! Return her quickly!! If not, you will get hurt!!]

Who's your woman? Reluctantly I look back for a moment, this is the first time I saw them properly. Dressed in expensive-looking armor that typical for A-rank adventurer, a bald head and a rugged beard with muscular bodies. A vulgar smile floating on their faces.

[Garret-san! Also.... the guard person!? Are you alright?] (Wazu)

I called out to confirm their condition without minding the two idiots. They both raised their hands respectively to tell me that there was no problem. Thank god. The other staff rushed to them and began first aid.

[Oh he is ignoring us!!]

The bald head and the rugged beard pull out their sword from their waists. *sigh*.... what's wrong with them.... I wonder if every one of them are like this. I'd like to meet a decent and responsible high ranked adventurer just once. I could only sigh while looking at them.

[Bastard!! I think you want to die]

The bald head and rugged beard brandishing their sword at me. I received and sandwiched the sword between my index finger and middle finger, and then with *eii!* it's broken.

[[Huh?]]

While at it, I hit them a little using my fist with moderate power. The result was, only their armor shattered to pieces. The bald head and the rugged beard showed an astonished face, I laugh a little there.

[The likes of you aren't welcome here] (Wazu)

I sent the two of them flying against the wall with a roundhouse kick. The feeling of broken bones was transmited through my foot. They pass out with bubbles coming from their mouths. Yosh, no problem. They are still alive.

I look back at Tata-san who was still bewildered.

[I will take these guys to the soldiers, so I will excused myself for today. The talk was fun, see you later Tata-san] (Wazu)

I headed towards the outside while dragging these two people after bidding my farewell. Shouts of joy and words of gratitude resounded within the mansion. I left that place.

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[Yesterday had really worn me out] (Wazu)

After handing the idiots to the soldier and explaining the circumtances, I went straight to the inn. Meru was playing with Lula, she dove onto my head the moment she saw me come back and immediately fell asleep as usual. Is my head a bed?

Lula also seemed satisfied playing with Meru, after that she went back to helping her mother. I want to say thank you but... I was worried whether Meru got preached with The Inn Road by Lula. I went to bed as soon I returned to my room.

On the next day I visited the guild masters room because I had been called again. The first thing I said to him was---

[Are you not tired with all of this?] (Wazu)

[Well, don't be like that. I heard the story from Garret and he keep telling me to say his thanks to you] (Regan)

I sat down face-to-face with Regan as usual.

[Is Garret-san and other alright?] (Wazu)

[It's alright. Even like that, he was a former adventurer so he has a decent sturdy body. He will return to his usual self today or tomorrow] (Regan)

[Is that so] (Wazu)

I was relieved. He seemed all right yesterday but I asked just in case.

[That's right, Tata entrusted a message for you

--[Be sure to come again because I want to say my thanks for your help]--

she said. I am not your liaison, you hear that?] (Regan)

[Sorry for that] (Wazu)

Garret-san in unavailable, I think they are busy cleaning up the reception room right now. Maybe later....

[But, what were those guys from yesterday? I thought there were no other A-rank adventurer except Black Flame party in this city. Are they not from here?] (Wazu)

[Ah that's.... they come as a support, you see....] (Regan)

[A support? For what?] (Wazu)

[....Fot the majin incident] (Regan)

[....But I have taken care of that] (Wazu)

[It can't be helped!! I didn't think it would end that fast!! I had already issued for emergency supports from the imperial city!! They had come here before I could cancel it!! Or rather, I didn't think those guys would also cause trouble] (Regan)

I see, that's make sense. It's troublesome indeed. They have come all the way here but everything has already ended, because of that they started to make a ruckuss. How enviable with Meru who stayed at the inn....

I still want to continue my complaints but I think it will end early, because I hear a running sound that suddenly stopped in front of the room, I wonder why they are in such a hurry.

[Guild master!! It's bad news!! A poison swamp has been discovered inside the forest!!] (Emma)

Opss, what a timing Emma-san!!!

Chapter 32 - I am In The Center

Regan showed a grim face while reading the report Emma-san brought.

[Poison swamp? Whats the meaning of this? Something like this never happened around here before] (Regan)

[This is also my first time to hear it. It's a report from rookie adventurer who had gone to the forest for herbs collection request. At first, I thought it was a mistake but there are other people who also have said they discovered this poison swamp. To sumarize the report, roughly in 10 metres area around the swamp has been contaminated with poison. Further investigation has not been conducted. It's difficult to approach the center area because of the strong poison. We are currently looking for a person who possesses high level poison resistant skill to investigate the center area] (Emma)

[That's the extent we could manage at the moment huh....] (Regan)

[But that's not the main issue, at present the area of the poison is widening and doesn't seems to be slowing down. At this rate it will soon reach the city if we just left as is] (Emma)

[Tch, how troublesome....] (Regan)

Regan was left helpless and Emma-san wore a heavy air around her. Somehow the atmosphere is hard for me to speak, but....

[Umm....] (Wazu)

[Hmm? Ah sorry to make you see me is such a bad time] (Regan)

[No, it’s alright but....] (Wazu)

[What’s wrong?] (Regan)

[The swamp.... would you like me to look into it? Poison doesn’t work on me] (Wazu)

[[Haaa....!?]] (Regan & Emma)

Ah! The two of them showed an unbelieved faces.

[However, there is possibility this is a deadly pison....] (Emma)

[It doesn’t work on me....] (Wazu)

[It might be a paralysis poison] (Regan)

[It doesn’t work on me....] (Wazu)

[Then, what is work on you?] (Emma)

[Almost everything doesn’t work on me....] (Wazu)

[But you were drunk from Sake....] (Regan)

[Please forget that....] (Wazu)

We are fall into silence....

[Alright! Wazu!! Let’s go to the site] (Regan)

[Understood] (Wazu)

[Emma, if you find another person with a poison resistant skill bring them at once!! Also, prepare for the incineration!!] (Regan)

[Understood] (Emma)

[We are going!!] (Regan)

In an emergency situation time is precious.... I shouldn’t think too deeply.

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Immediately, I went out of the city with Regan and headed towards the forest in question. The poison can be seen to be already spreading. Miasma enveloped the surrounding area. Sensed that, Regan drank a water that has been formulated as antidote for poison while complaining with --[its taste awful]--. By the way I'm completely fine hum-hum!

[You.... You are completely fine?] (Regan)

[I told you before. Well, I'm going a little to check the swamp] (Wazu)

[Yeah, Actually I'd like to go with you but it seems I can't go any further. I will wait for the other guys that will come here later. I leave the rest to you] (Regan)

[I will do something about it if it's seeming possible] (Wazu)

I headed to the swamp just as is. The poison seems to have become more and more severe, but I push forward without a problem. I advanced to the center of swamp where the poison is strongest. Before long, I had arrived at the place.

[Uwaa! What the heck is that?] (Wazu)

There is something at the center of poison swamp. A quadruped creature with beast-like form. The body surface is covered with a purple muddy liquid that seems poisonous. I don't know the origin of this creature in the slightest. The liquid from its hands and feet fall to the ground, it's expanding and forms a poison swamp.

By the way I was completely calm.

[Gyauuuu-----!!!]

It made such as small groans when it noticed me. The swamp is bubbling violently and some tentacles are growing from it.

[Gyauu!!!]

When it bark something, the tentacles begin to attack me all at once. I observe it while avoiding the tentacles. I don't want to touch it even that won't harm me, it's just the matter of the feeling. Observation is the only one I could think. I can't use magic, I don't have a weapon, there is no other way to fight except with a punch or a kick. But I'm still wondering whether I should kill it or not

Oh well, don't think about unnecessary thing.

I looking for the chance to launch an attack while avoiding the tentacles, or rather trying not to touch something like tentacle as much as possible. When the gap present, I pretend to step back but in an instant my fist come to approach it. The tentacles disappeared as if they melted and I immediately retreat from the spot in response.

[Uwaa! It's sticking to my hand!!] (Wazu)

I waved my hand with a buzz to get rid of purple liquid. The body was breaking down and got swallowed by the swamp, I watched this scene. After that, in its place a small red ball was left.

Before I could confirm it, the red ball cracks and disappears while scattering like particles. Hmm.... the red ball just now.... have I seen it somewhere before..... Setting that aside, the problem is the poison swamp did not disappeared. I didn't know what was the red ball from before, I went back to Regan's place to give a report.

There were several guild staffs, Emma-san, and around ten people who seems are adventurers at Regan's place.

[Yo! Thanks for the good work! How is the situation?] (Regan)

[I have eliminated the cause but.... the swamp remained while miasma hasn's gone yet] (Wazu)

[I see....] (Regan)

Regan close his eyes while tapping his chin with his finger, seems in the middle of thinking something. Everyone in this place waiting for Regan instruction.

[It can't be helped.... we will burn down the forest!!!] (Regan)

[There is only that way huh....] (Emma)

Eh? Burn it down? I was serprised at the words. When I heard the reason, they will be able to deal with a miasma somehow, but there seems to be no means to purify the swamp. Therefore, the only way is to cover that part of the forest with a barrier and they are going to use Fire Magic and the likes to burn down (purify) the swamp within the barrier.

However since this method involved a wide range area, there is going to be large damage to the forest and a vacant lot with nothing for a while.... hmm.... it's unpleasant.... I wonder if there's something I could do.... as long we get rid of the swamp..... wait, I might be able to do something.

Chapter 33 - Poison Is Delicious

I told Regan and others that I might be able to deal with it somehow and went back to the poison swamp location. Although he asked me how, I gave a random excuse since I can't tell him the method I would use. He didn't think about it too deeply if with this they could avoid to burning the forest.

I told him to set up the barrier just in case I failed. Maybe, but think it will go well. I can see the barrier had been spread when I arrived at the poison swamp. A large hemisphere-like barrier covered the forest, I turned my attention to the poison swamp.

I don't like it!

On second thought, I think I should stop here.

But then the forest will.... Yosh, I have made up my mind.

I stuffed my face to the poison swamp.

.....*gulp-gulp* .....puhaa!!

Delicious!! What the heck is this!!

This rich feeling, it's 100% citrus juices taste. There is no bad aftertaste, it went down smoothly through my throat. Yeah I can do it. There is no abnormality on my body.... I wonder if I could drink it all.... I will work hard....

This is the method I had thought of . I am the only one who can do it. Utilizing the Extreme Cannibalism skill to drink a whole poison swamp. Although earlier I just wanted to test my skill, but the poison swamp tastes delicious indeed. I feel can drink no matter how much there is.

Gulp... I'm about to hit my limit.... but I can keep going.... however no matter how delicous its taste, poison is poison. But it doesn't work on me because Abnormal State Nullification skill so I took this method. There won't be any damage to the suurounding this way.

Gulp.... Gulp.... Gulp.... Gulp....

Gulp.... I still can do it!! Gulp....

Gulp.... Hoohoo.... it's quite.... Gulp....

Gulp.... Ha Ha Ha Ha.... I'm not done yet....

Gulp.... I'm getting tired with the taste.... Gulp....

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Gulp....!!

Ha Ha Ha, I did it.... I finally drank untill the last drop. The swamp portion can't be seen anymore and the miasma is weakening. While rubbing my swelling stomach, I can feel a sense achievement and satisfication. I only need to tell Regan and others *ugh*... it should be all right now, it's not necessary to burn the forest.

When I was feeling relieved, sunddenly a light was come out from the ground. It wraps around me before disappearing into particles. Although I took a defensive stance reflexively, there is no malicious intent to be felt. The warm light dissapeared as if melted into my body.

I remained at that position for a while, my stomach that had been swelling after drinking the poison swamp, was strangely back to a normal state.

[Oh! It feels refreshing] (Wazu)

The particles of light that rapidly moved while drifting on the air and disappear into me, I wonder what was that....

After that I went back to Regan's place without a problem. Because the poison has been weakend, he is going to check the place along with some adventurers. I entrusted the after process to them. I was glad it's ended without needing to burn the forest.

Including Regan, everyone asked me how it was done with a heated atmosphere. I told them it was insignificant and they won't understand even if I explain it to them because I am the only one who could do it. I mean, I

drank the poison swamp. Like hell I can say that!!

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A few months later, a rookie adventurer who went to the forest for herb collection discovered a hot spring had sprung up at the place where the poison swamp was. At first nobody would dare to approach the place until the courageus Baldie pioneered it. Since then this place was frequently used by the Rinikku citizens. Borrowing the name of the person who saved this place, it was called “Wazu Hot Spring”. When Wazu visited the city again, he asked to change its name because is too embarrassing but the citizen never tried to change it.

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Leaving the cleaning process to the adventurers, I, Regan, and Emma-san went back to the guild. Emma-san had returned to the receptionist desk while I and Regan relaxing our body in the guild master’s room.

[But this is.... recently, an incident occured one after another. Dragon at the mountain, Majin come towards the city, and the last a poison swamp appeared in the forest.... I wonder what on earth is this....] (Regan)

The Dragon incident was just a quarrel between a married couple though, I held back myself as not to say that. I recalling the Red Ball from before. Come to think of it, that ball looks exactly like the one I saw at the Elf village.... a guy who swallowed it turned into a monster.... that reminds me,

I think that monster and Majin were similiar....

....Hmm? Wait a second. Could it be those Black Flame guys became a Majin because of that.... Regan had said before that there was no Magic Reservoir around the city. Also the beast-like thing I found at the swamp.... something like a red ball had come out after I defeated it.... The Red Ball caused all of this? If it's true, what the hell is that. It's getting complicated the more I think about it. I wonder if I should tell Regan about my speculation.... it would be embarrassing if the facts were different though. If only that Red Ball didn't disappear before I could checked it..... *sigh*....

I get up from the sofa after I had enough rest. It was a good and confortable rest.

[Then, I will return to the inn now] (Wazu)

[Ou! Once again, thanks for the good work!! I haven't prepare the rewards because this matter is an emergency request so come to get it later] (Regan)

[Understood. Well I excused myself] (Wazu)

I went back to the inn from the guild, but there along with Meru, I have to attend a continuation lecture about The Inn Road from Lula. Please give me a break. I'm tired, please let me rest already.

Chapter 34 - I Don’t Remember Because Of My Poor Physical Condition

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A couple days has passed since the swamp poison incident. But on those few days.... no, even now my body was still feeling terribly heavy. I’m not that tired but I can’t move my body well. I can feel something is swirling inside my body, as if a foreign matter is trying to mingle with my body and it’s still continues all the while now.

It’s followed with deterioration of my physical condition. Especially the first day was the worst. I couldn’t move my body at all, I spent all day long sleeping. Though it’s a little better now and I can move my body somewhat.

At the time when my body had been completely paralyzed, I thought really hard about what’s going on with me.... I wonder if it’s because I drank the poison swamp....

Around noon, Mr. Scary Face come to the inn. It seems there would be a celebration at the mansion and they had been invited as the main guest to express their gratitude. Recalling Tata-san’s message, I’m heading there with Mr. Scary Face while still in such a condition right now

At the gate, I was greeted with a big applause from a people of the guard staffs. They are patting my shoulder with *bashi-bashi* in high spirit.

Stop it~!! I'm not in a good condition right now~!!

I could endured it with a smile somehow. I entered the mansion along with everyone from the guard staffs.

Inside the mansion, everyone also welcomed me with a big applause. The cat-eared woman who disliked me from that time also was there clapping reluctantly with everyone, I can tell it from her expression. I'm not happy to be applaused with such a face.

At the reception room, rather than a trace of broken things from that incident, there are a large table with numerous luxurious cuisines lined up instead. Garret-san approach me with open arms when he spotted me.

[Yo!! You have came, finally!! You really saved me back then, thank you very much!!] (Garret)

Ouch, it hurts!! Please stop hitting me!!

I taste the foods and exchange a chat while being guided by Garret-san. They are not doing business today for this celebration, Regan will also come here later.

[Thank you very much] and other words of gratitude were heard from everyone, there I suddenly muttered something....

[That reminds me, where is Tata-san....?] (Wazu)

I close my mouth with a hand in hurry after saying that. Everyone turned around and look at me with warm eyes while grinning. Ugh, it's embarassing.... Garret-san who was nearby come to approach me---

[Oh that's right. Of course you come to see her. My bad, My bad, I didn't notice it] (Garret)

I was told with a grinn. I want to hit him if I was in a good condition.... You just barely escape, Garret-san....

[She was still in the middle of preparation so it takes some time, but it's about the time.... I guess?] (Garret)

He said so and the guided me to a room and then told me to wait there. Eh? What is this? It doesn't mean I want to be with her alone though.... oh well. I relaxed my body while sitting down on the sofa. But this is good, I felt something was running wild inside my body since earlier, it's hard just to stand.

[Guuh.... uu....] (Wazu)

My sweat doesn't stop.

It's hurts to breath.

I lost consciousness while I lied down on the sofa.

Ugh....

I opened my eyes weakly and saw Tata-san.... was there.... ah this is useless.... so sleepy....

Hmm.... what is this.... something sweet.... it smells good.... something soft wrapped my face.... it feels good.... ahh.... my body has become light somewhat....

Hah!!!

I think this situation had happened before. I look around my surrounding, this is my usual room at the inn. Meru also was sleeping soundly next to me....

Hahaha! I did it again. I wonder how I came back here this time. Don't tell me Mr. Scary Face brought me to the inn with a princess carry.... I can see Regan and Garret-san will harass me later, please don't let it happen!! I hope they sent me here with a horse-drawn carriage or something!!

Come to think of it.... Tata-san was there before I lost consciuosness. I can't remember what happen afterwards. I feel I had been forgetting something important but....

I completely have no memory about it!!

There is something important that I can’t remembered.... I feel a sense of loss in my heart, I think I have lost one of the important memories of my youth. Ugh.... this regretful feeling, maybe everything just my imagination.... yeah.... surely....

Speaking of which, I am back to normal. There is no fatigue or mingled feeling inside my body like the past few days. I can feel my body full of power... or rather, isn't this too much?

No No No.... it must be my imagination. I mean, I didn’t do anything special, my current strength is not something I trained myself, there is no reason for me to want to get stronger.

However.... there is something that comes to my mind. The light that appeared after I drank the poison swamp and then disappeared into my body. The deterioration of my physical condition.... a mingled sensation inside my body.... could it be that light was trying to intregate with my body.... and then it had been intregated so my physical conditions back to normal....

Yo-Yosh....!! Let’s confirm it. Because my physical condition was bad just until now, this feeling of getting stronger must be just an illusion. It’s just a feeling of my power coming back. Yeah that’s right!

I take out my guild card and dropped a single drop of my blood.

Chapter 35 - I Have Been Updated

I dropped a single drop of my blood on the guild card and confirmed my status.

Name : Wazu

Race : Human (78%)

HP : How could I die, I wonder?

MP : It's zero!

STR : My blow shattered the stars

VIT : Can’t be cut even with the Divine Sword

INT : Magic can't be used

MND : Magic? I wonder if it’s hurt....

AGL : Probably faster than light.... surely not, right?

DEX : Equal or above the great artist in history..... I guess!

Skill :

Extreme Cannibalism (Unique)

Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid (Unique)

Goddess's Jealousy (Unique)

Love Of The Earth Goddess (Unique)

Sponsored by Earth Goddess.

Somehow it has gone up.....!!!!!

And somehow the one that shouldn't have, has gone down.....!!!!!

Fo-For now, let's confirm the changes.

First of all, name and age but of course it didn't change. My race.... the percentage has gone down slightly.... I am getting further away from a humanity...

No, stop it!! Don't be negative!! It's alright!! I mean, my race is still human!! Let's make sure that it won't decrease any further... but how can I do that.... it's too late to think about it now....

Yo-Yosh!! Let's set that aside for now.... next!! next!!

MP is still zero but there is a change in HP status. I'm sure it was something like can withstand anything before, and now.... it can't find a way for me to die!?.... Ho-How high is number that makes it ask that!!

STR status stay as it huh, I feel relieved for some reason....

VIT status.... hmm, Divine Sword!?.... a sword granted by god huh.... even god-made thing couldn't cut me.... I'm invincible.... that's not the point!! In other words there is nothing in the world that can hurt my body anymore, right? Are you kidding me!! Sigh....

Nothing change in INT status, that's good....

There is a little change in MND status but the meaning is still the same.... that magic couldn't hurt me.... well of course!! Even a Divine Swords couldn't scratch me, what do you expecting with magic!?

AGL status.... hmm....

DEX status.... hmm....

Great, nothing changed!! I thought it was sufficiently high already!! Yeah, no problem!!

Well then finally the skills turn.... the two tops skill didn't change but there is a problem in the reamaining two---

[Love Of The Earth Goddess (Unique)]

[Goddess's Jealousy (specific)]

The scary part is "Sympathy" has turned to "Jealousy".... I kinda want to know but I also don't want to know the reason.... ugh.... Okay I'm ready!! Status confirmation is important!! It's important to know ones power!!

Love Of The Earth Goddess : Thank you for protecting the forest and the

earth. Your efforts moved my heart. I raised a part of your status as a token of gratitude. I will supports you more than that Goddess. After that, if we are able to meet someday, please embrace me!

Goddess's Jealousy : Tch! Earth Goddess! What are you doing without permission? Wazu-san is alright, he has received multiplied blessing from me!! Please take it back!! Wazu-san!! Even if you meet the Earth Goddess, stay away from her, okay!! And then if someday we do meet.... that's.... please embrace me tightly!

Don't make a conversation here-------!!!!!!

Again, another message huh? Moreover, the contents is kinda intense this time. And finally it began to talk to me.... or rather, don't argue here! Can you do it over there? What are you doing taunting each other on my guild card? Are they on bad terms? Please get along because you are gods.... also don't put unnecessary information.... please write it properly!

In the end, I have received another blessing from a Goddess huh....

I have become stronger, that's the only thing I could understand. My defense has considerably strengthened.... heck, what is the meaning of please embrace me when we meet!? Impossible, why has it suddenly become such a thing.... these Goddesses are unreasonable!

I wonder if they are planning to meet me.... impossible right, after all they are Goddess, that's right.... it should be the case.... but there is a possibility they want to meet me by all means....

I wonder what, suddenly I feel a chill on my back. The feeling I want to make sure it never happens..... I somehow feel such a sense of crisis....

Noo!! Please don't let it happen!!

Just looking at the contents of my status card, it has been decided they will absolutely caused some problem later!! It must be so!!

Yo-Yosh, let’s forget it..... let’s forget everything written in my skills. I will only remember about my statuses. That sounds good!! Let’s do so!!

I let out a sigh involuntarily and started to struggle on the bed while thinking that.

Sigh.... what should I do!?.

Although Meru was silently watching as if asking what I was doing, I didn’t say anything and just went to sleep with a wry smile.

Chapter 36 - I Suddenly Realize It

I went down to the dinning room on the first floor with Meru on my head after arranging my clothes and putting my guild card back. I just happened to see Keyla-san in the midst of cleaning a table so I asked her about how I came back yesterday.

She tell me that Regan brought me with a horse-drawn carriage he usually took. According to story from Regan, I keep sleeping all the while and didn't seem to wake up whatever had happened.

Regan left me a message to go to Garret-sans place and send a word when I woke up so she ask me about what I'm going to do after this.

I finished eating lunch with Meru at the inn and inform Keyla-san that I will go to Garret-san's place.

--[Good grief, that's why a guy is....]-- Lula was looking at me with reproachful eyes as if telling that. It's not what you think, or rather where did you learn such a thing? I want to complain to the person who taught you that by all means. I escape from Lula and headed to Garret-sans place.

I arrived at the mansion but it seems Garret-san was absent. As usual, whether the story has been through, I was guided to the same room as before and I waited for Tata-san to come. She seems to be in the middle of something so I have to wait for a while just as yesterday.

Unlike yesterday, I am in perfect condition and won't suddenly sleep. I'm waiting while drinking a cup of tea that has been prepared. I can hear a running and rushing sound in the hallway that stopped in front of the room. And then the door was opened vigorously.

[Wazu-san!! Are you there!?] (Tata)

[.....] (Wazu)

I was lost for words at Tata-san appearance. I mean.... she's only wearing a bath towel....

Eeeh? Wait a little!!! Eeeh? What's going on!?

The stimulation is too strong it makes my body shake. The tea spills over on my hand but somehow I managed to barely regain my sanity and not drop the cup. I covered my eyes with my free hand and shouts.

[Wait!! Tata-san!! Clothes!! Please put your clothes on first!!] (Wazu)

[Eh?..... Pl-Please excuse me!!] (Tata)

After that the door was also closed vigorously with a *batan* sound. I slowly opened my eyes and look at the surrounding. After confirming that Tata-san wasn't here, I put a cup on the table and breathed in relief.

It was dangerous.... my heart was still throbbing. What do you expect when

seeing a girl you love in that appearance.... huh, a girl I love?

I see.... I love Tata-san huh. I don't know since when did I have this feeling, but it's not suprising because she is an attractive person. However, it has strangely lightened my heart when I conscious about this feeling.

Aaa~ I love her, just thinking about it make my heart overflow with happiness. I hope Tata-san also loves me....

I decided to be honest with my feeling. My heart was full of a pink color when watching Tata-san peeking from a door and slowly entering the room. This time she was wearing clothes properly, but still my heart was pounding whenever I looked at her. I slowly lowered my head slightly when Tata-san approach me.

[Thanks for waiting. Also, please forgive me from before] (Tata)

[No-No problem....] (Wazu)

[You also saved me at that time, so thank you very much] (Tata)

[No, it was just a natural thing to do] (Wazu)

Ugh, my face is hot. Tata-san slowly raised her face and smiled. Damn, it's too lovely. Everything seems to be different from before, I wonder if it's because I'm aware of my feeling now. It feels like my hearts being grasped. I hope my heart will last for today....

[I was surprised yesterday. When I came in, I thought you was sleeping but your face seems to be in pain. Are you alright now?] (Tata)

[I'm fine. I have gone back as usual] (Wazu)

[I see.... then....] (Tata)

Oh? What is this? Somehow her warm aura has changed....

[Sit in Seiza please!] (Tata)

[Huh? Sei za?.... what is Seiza?] (Wazu)

[This is a posture where you kneel on your knees and and sit on your feet with your toes pointed to the back] (Tata)

[Umm.... why should I do such a way?] (Wazu)

[I heard from a customer, this is positon for preaching to people in the south kingdom. I thought we would do so] (Tata)

[Eh.... a preach?] (Wazu)

[This is a punishment for making me worry so far] (Tata)

I can’t talk back if she think that way. This is a fact that I made her worry all this time. I sat in the Seiza position while being preached at by Tata-san with a dark smile on her face.

The preaching hasn’t ended yet and I don't see an end. My feet have been getting numb since a while ago....

Hmm? an earthquake....? Just my imagination, I guess....

I can hear a loud noise from outside the room again. However Tata-san seemed too absorbed with her preaching and didn’t noticed it.

--[Watchout!]--, --[Don’t let it pass]--, and the likes were heard. I wondered what that was? And then, I can hear someone approaching the room.

The door opened vigorously. Wrapped himself in expensive looking clothing, a monster with a bulging stomach came into the room and floated an ugly smile when saw Tata-san. The thing that peeked my interest were the wings that grew from his back and black eyes with red pupils. Tata-san startled to see his face. Oioi it can’t be....

[FOUND YOU!! TATAAA!!]

[Why!? Why are you here!!] (Tata)

[I CAME TO GET YOUU!!!]

I stand up and move in front of Tata-san in an instant.

[WHO THE HELL ARE YOU? DON'T GET IN MY WAY!!

I CALL UPON THE WIND THAT BRINGS DEATH]

After the monster in front of me finished chanting magic, a numbers of sharp-edged wind blades come towards me. I tried to avoid it but lost my balance because of my numbs legs. I recived the attack directly and was blown out of the place from a window.

I regained my balance in the air and lands to the ground. A breaking sound was heard from mansion. When I turn my eyes, the ugly man broke the ceiling and flew away with Tata-san.

I hurried back to the mansion. I can see a trace of intense battle at the reception room. There were also many poeple tied up at the center of room.

[Wazu!! What happened to Tata?] (Garret)

Garret-san armed with a spear come to approach me. Have you came back?

[She was cught by a strange monster] (Wazu)

[Tch, that fucking lord.... he really did it!! To think that he turned into a monster, where did he go?] (Garret)

I told Garret-san the direction that monster went. When I asked if he know something, the answer come quickly.

[There is a mansion of this damned Lord in that direction. It seems he's going back there] (Garret)

After listened the details of the mansion, I started running in an instant. I can hear Garret-san voice flies from behind.

[We will also head there right away!! We can’t take the guards lightly!! So Don’t be reckless okay!!] (Garret)

Well then, let’s beat him down quickly and save Tata-san.

Chapter 37 - [Lust] Was Performed By A Clown

In the most wonderful area where the wealthy citizens of Fort City Rinikku reside, there was the most tasteless three-story building where lord Lordic lives. In a room on the top floor, there were many tasteless things more than the appearance of a mansion. This is a room that tells the character of its owner.

And now, the owner of this room who had red eyes and wings on his back jumped in. The lord threw Tata who he was carrying to a round bed inside the room just as is, and then his ugly face came closer to her.

[GUFUFUFU!! I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT ANY LONGER, YOU ARE MINE TATA!!]

[Don't be silly!! Who is your thing!! Around this time, I'm sure everyone is heading here in order to catch you!! It's over!! Just give up!!] (Tata)

[GUFUFUFU THAT'S USELESS!!]

The lord keeps a pleasant smile, he's taking out his very long tongue and tried to lick Tata's face while his hand tried to rub her breast.... but only to touch an empty air because the other party suddenly disappear from his eyes.

[Take this!!] (Wazu)

boooom

I rescuing Tata-san before the lord could touch her and while at it I sent him flying with a kick. He collapse after his body crashed into the wall.

I held Tata-san in my arms with a princess carry. Hmm good catch~!!

[Umm.... Wazu-san?] (Tata)

[Ah! Tata-san, I am sorry that I could not help you a little while ago] (Wazu)

[No, that’s fine. How could you be here?] (Tata)

[How? I just come in from the gate normally] (Wazu)

[IMPOSSIBLE!! THIS PLACE IS GUARDED BY 30 POEPLE THAT ARE ON PAR WITH B-RANK OR A-RANK ADVENTURER!!]

The lord stood up and glaring at me.

Seriously, I really entered from the gate normally.... well, though all the guard members were unconscious now. I just hit them a little on the way here while running in super-speed movement. There wouldn't be a decent

fellow among them because they are working under such a person. But they weren't dead.... probably.

[YOU ARE THE GUY FROM BEFORE!! IT CAN'T BE, YOU ARE ALIVE!! HOW COULD YOU SUDDENLY BE HERE!!]

[Eh? There is no reason to die from such a thing] (Wazu)

[DON'T BE STUPID! BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH]

Eh, I'm a honest person. I was truly in this room since the beginning. I just waited for a gap but it was troublesome, and because he tried to touch Tata-san with his vulgar hand I can't hold any longer and kicked him as a result.

[LET GO YOUR HAND FROM TATA!! THAT WOMAN BELONGS TO ME!!]

The lord tried to hit me over and over again but I fend off his fist easily. When realizing it didn't work, he use magic this time.

[I CALLED UPON THE WATER THAT GIVE BIRTH A SNAKE]

A snake made of water come attacking. This guy, is he trying to kill Tata-san as well!? But the snake avoiding her and only bite at me. Well it does not hurt anyhow, though.

[GUFUFUFU! THERE IS STILL MORE TO COME~

I CALLED UPON THE FIRE THAT BURNS EVEYTHING]

This time a number of Fireball come towards my back and hit the same spot continuesly. Well. It doesn't work at all. I guess this is probably due the status up, setting aside that I don't feel any pain, this time I don't even feel the heat like before.

I'm fine though, but I don't know about the surrounding. Tata-san also has an expression which seems about to burst into tears soon.

[Wazu-san!! Please escape by yourself, I'm fine here!! At this rate Wazu-san will...!!] (Tata)

[Huh?] (Wazu)

I'm completely fine though. There is not even a single scratch, can you see that? Hmm? I wonder if she can't see me well because of smoke from the Fireballs that hit me? I look at my surrounding inside the smoke and caught a figure of Tata-san so I gently answering her words.

[How come.... you going so far to save someone like me?] (Tata)

[Eh? Because I love you] (Wazu)

Crap, I said it------!!!

In this kind of place to boot, I didn't mean to say it in this way-----!!!

I felt nervous. When our eyes met, I found my face turn red in a moment.

Tata also has a red face. We stared at each other for a while but Tata-san suddenly fell on her knees.

[You can't.... a woman like me.... isn't worth receiving your feeling.... my body is dirty] (Tata)

[There is no such thing] (Wazu)

You are not dirty.

[I have been held by various people.... even this lord] (Tata)

[It doesn't matter] (Wazu)

Please don't despise yourself.

[But, but....] (Tata)

Still, it's a little frustating to see dejected Tata-san that blaming herself. I grabs her shoulder and looked straight at her eyes.

[I still love you nevertheless!! You hear?] (Wazu)

Tata-san turned deep red and just nodded in daze with a face I have never seen before.

The lord come thrusting between us exactly when the smoke cleared up. Well, I can feel his presense without needing to look though.

[BASTARD!! YOU ARE KEEP TOUCHING MY WOMAN SINCE A WHILE AGO]

[Who is your woman?] (Wazu)

I took my hands off Tata-san's shoulder and clenching my fist. Oops I have to hold back, I dont want Tata-san to see a gruesome scene.

[Don't spouting nonsense!!] (Wazu)

boooom!!!

I thrusted my fist onto the belly of the lord quite hard. That alone made him faint with a *kahaa!* sound and spit out a red ball from his mouth. The red ball crumble and disappear before reaching the floor. Again huh....

The lord's body cracked down like the guy I saw in the Elf village.

Chapter 38 - And I Listen To Her Story....

Regan and Garret-san came rushing into the room after I defeated the lord. I don't know the situation well because I only came to take back Tata-san that had been kidnapped, but apparently there is some kind of story behind this.

I thought there wasn't much meaning even if I stayed in this place because I don't know the circumtances. I told them about what happened here on my side briefly and decided to go back alone.

Of course I didn't say anything about the confession that I made here abruptly because I can see they will make fun of me later.

Huh? Come to think of it, I haven't heard her answer....

Well, there is still tomorrow. I went back to the inn and went to sleep with the sense of accomplishment.

The next day.

Fwuaaah.... what a nice and refreshing morning!! Come look at this!! We are blessed with such a beautiful sun-----

Or not!!

I woke up and jump out from the bed to open a window, only to find it was dull and cloudy weather. It's going to rain. My tension went down at once.

Well, before I go to see Tata-san, lets wipe off my body first. I'd like to ask Regan about how's thing ended yesterday as well.

I went to the guild masters room that I had visited so many times. We sat down face-to-face on the sofa as usual and I asked Regan about the details from yesterday.

According to Regan, Tata-san sold her body to clear off her father's debt. Garret-san also knew the circumtances. In the shop, she would never know a person who is going to visit as expected. One day an unwanted guest came and desired her. His identity is clear, the lord. Although they strictly only choose customers that wouldn't bring any harm later, but they couldn't declined the lord because of his power of authority.

Later, the investigation led by Reagan and Garret-san found out a fact that the debt was actually a plan of the lord who tried to get Tata-san. There is also information about the lord doing things that can't be put on the table from behind, was found out. When the lord attempted to dispose of the collection evidence, the incident happened . By the way the lord currently....

[I don't get it. I don't know whether he is alive or dead now] (Regan)

That's it. It seems he was unconscious since that time as if died with his cracked body. I heard there is no sign of him waking up. Well, honestly I

think it served him right.

I thought about bringing the conversation to and end so I could meet Tata-san soon. But before that happen, Regan told me that he has something say. The moment I could discern his words, I rushed out from this place in hurry.

[Well, because there is a possibility that the lord's family will get revenge towards Tata and her family, Garret sent them to somewhere safe early in the morning. I didn't know the destination either] (Regan)

He said.

When I arrived at Garret-san's place, no one was there. Tata-san, Garret-san, Mr. Scary Face, guard staffs, everyone had gone.

.....Huh? what is this!?

How about.... the answer of my confession.....

I was standing dumbstruck for a while and then someone come out from the back of the mansion and walked towards me.

Tata-san!!

I thought so and confirmed that person, however it was the cat-eared woman that I occasionally saw.

[Hello]

[He-Hello.... umm....] (Wazu)

[Oh, you don’t have to remember me. I just came here on behalf Tata anee-sama to tell you that she is doing fine]

[Eh, Wha~....] (Wazu)

I don’t think she’s telling me this in a good will though, because I can feel she is mocking me somehow....

[Too bad. Tata anee-sama is not here anymore]

[Aa~, I heard it from Regan.... she left the city, was it?] (Wazu)

[Yeah, but I couldn’t tell you the destination]

[..... So, what did Tata-san want to tell me?] (Wazu)

I had a bad feeling that I don’t want to hear it. But the person in front of me seems she want to say something no matter what, so I have no choice.

But I wonder if it’s better not to listen it....

[Huh? You still couldn’t understand it? You were DUMPED!!]

To be honest.... I thought it would be the case considering this situation and all. But I don’t want to admit it nevertheless....

[It’s really a pity but you should just give up about Tata anee-sama, I think you could understand that much]

I don’t want to hear.... perhaps this is just some kind of a bad dream....

[You were just used for our convenience because you are strong. Thanks to that Tata anee-sama is safe. But everything has ended because that damned lord is gone. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, thank you very much]

I don’t need words of gratitude....

[And good bye, I will not see you anymore I guess.... she said]

While saying such a thing, she passed beside me with the look of ridicule like a triumph, and left me alone at this place. I kneel down on the spot as if lost all my power.

I see.... I was merely just used.... I see.... I see.....

Chapter 39 - Iddle Talk : Tata

I have a gentle mother and father that work as merchants. I live healthy full of affection from the two of them, but there was a turning point in my life when I reached the age of 18. My father shouldered a large amount of debt from a lord. My life had changed completely, but the love from my parents was still unchanged.

From that time, the lord offered to take me as his wife to clear the debt but my parents refused obstinately even after I had said various thing to convince them....

I'd like to repay their love even a little so I decided to sell my body. I consulted with my father's acquaintance Garrett-san, to work at his place. I somehow managed to go through my first time by myself. Garret-san also helped me as well, he didn't bring unpleasant or strange customer closer.

Still, I couldn't get the money if I didn't take a costumer at all. After that I slept several times with some costumers, nothing would get done if I did nothing.

Everytime I was held held by someone whom I didn't know his name, my heart is dying. But I couldn't stop because there was a debt to be paid.

The lord also came a couple of times to embraced me. At that time my heart really began to die and my emotions seemed to disappear.

I do not want to remember it....

Even so, I could make a friend as I lived here. The person I most get along with was a cat-eared woman, Nena-san. Her ears are cute and we often talked. I talked about my own life and cried.

Six months after I started working here, Garret-san called me to his room. I was introduced to Regan-san. I was surprised to hear that he is a guild master of this city. He also was Garret-san's party member when he was still adventuring. And then Regan-san brought me a little hope....

He said that father's debt might be the lord's scheme that tried to get me. And I was more surprised to hear that they were currently doing an investigation to find the evidence. I cried when I thought that I just need to endure it a little more.

From that point, my heart didn't feel like dying anymore when being held by a costumer. With my anger towards the lord in my heart, I believed that someday everything would end so I worked hard.

Half a year had passed since that time, I was 19 years old now-----

There was a meeting of destiny for me. According to Garret-san's story, a strong hero that saved the city from majin will come to this place. When I talking with Nena about it, she suggested to use that person for a moment of need.

I headed to the drawing room led by the talking voice of Garret-san. There was a man with Regan-san. A man with a mediocre facial appearance and

black eyes that look harmless. Is he really the person that people are talking about? It was my first impression. However, if he really has such strength, it will be useful if I approach him to keep the lord away from me. I will use this body to get closer to him. But that day I had failed because he collapse after drink liquor.

The lord's investigation is still progressing. I feel relieved because I had succeeded to make an appointment for next meeting with Wazu-san.

The next time we meet, I was prepared to sleep with Wazu-san because this was that kind of place. I thought it was possible to obtain the strongest ally with this dirty body of mine, but it didn't happen. We just spent our time talking with each other.

However, this is the firts time in my life to feel this way, my heart felt it was being healed when I talk with him. But the fun time had ended with a noise. As soon as I recognized there was an incident I headed to the drawing room.

Garret-san was defeated and I was caught by a savage person. But the situation was over in a blink of an eye. I had been rescued before I noticed it and the barbarians were cleaned up in flash.

I was just looking at Wazu-san' s back. He said something but it didn't enter my head. I just watched the figure of him leavimg this place, my heart was beating so fast at an alarming rate.

The investigation has entered it's final stage. When I'm being embraced by a costumer, there is something that comes to my mind.

I wish he was Wazu-san.

The time I'm thinking about Wazu-san has increased. Almost everyday I was occupied by the thought about Wazu-san. I feel his ordinary face seems cute now. His back looks strong. I want to jump onto it. I never fell in love until now, this is my first love.

When I heard Wazu-san was coming to Garret-sans celebration party, my heart was jumped out in joy. I dressed up to the fullest. I took a deep breath a couple of times in front of the door. When I entered the room, Wazu-san was lying down on the sofa. As I approached him, I found out that he was asleep. He seemed to be having a nightmare. I looked around the room to make sure nobody was here. I gently lifted Wazu-san's head and placed it on my lap, and then I gently stroked his head. I think that Wazu-san's sleeping face became a little peaceful. It's cute.... muuu!!

On the next day. Considering Wazu-san's personality, I thought that he might come again today. I washed my body carefully as it may be held by Wazu-san this time. I didn't want to make him wait. when I heard that he was coming, I went straight to the room with only a single bath towel wrapped on my body. It's embarassing. And then this has become the day of fate that I will never forget forever....

While preaching Wazu-san to make him understand about how worried I was, the lord who turned to a monster barged into the room. Wazu-san was blown out from the room and I had been taken away by the lord. At that time, I was prepared for death. It's regretable that Wazu-san would never embraced me even once.

But this determination was meaningless because Wazu-san came to save me before long. It's embarassing when he held me in a princess carry.

Wazu-san was hit by magic one after another. Although he seemed fine, but I was worried and told him to escape alone. Wazu-san only showed me a

puzzled look. Mouu!! Because of that I asked him something involuntarily.

[How come.... you're going so far to save someone like me?] (Tata)

[Eh? Because I love you] (Wazu)

Huh? What did he just say? Love? Wazu-san to me? You can't. A woman like me is.... however Wazu-san denied it with his words when I was in self-deprecating. He grabbed my shoulder and pulled me abruptly. Whaa!?

[I still love you nevertheless!! You hear?] (Wazu)

Eh!? What!? Eeehh? Yeah! Okay! I understand!! I coould only nod without uttering any words. As soon as I noticed, the situation was already over.

After that, we left the city. According to Garret-sans story, the lords family might seek retaliation. I decided to leave the city until things calmed down and hide myself at Garrett-san's acquaintances place. Although I didn't want to leave Wazu-san, but at the present time I will only bring him trouble if I am near him. I asked Nena to tell him this story. She said it was all right to leave it to her.

A few days later I found out that Garret-san acquintance was an Elf. Moreover he was the head of an Elf village near the center Mountain. We were welcomed kindly.

As soon as Nena arrived at the Elf village, I ask whether my message has been told properly. But I was shocked when I hear a contents of the message she conveyed. By the way I didn't tell Nena about my feeling towards Wazu-san.

Bu-but....!! What shoud I do!? I should have told her about my feeling properly.

My parents who saw my reaction seemed worried, when I was aked with --[What's wrong?]-- I told them everything. Then my dad was stunned and my mother smile like flower bloomed.

[Oh dear, you should just chase after him right now]

Eh? Is that fine? I'm supposed to hide, right? while wondering about it, my mother told this matter to Garret-san. Thank you mom!!

Then after a while, with scattering sparks around, today the six of us leave the village to meet Wazu-san. The member is my love rival, two Elves, Nena, myself, and Regan-san. While being encouraged by everyone, we departed from the village to Rinikku city.

For the worst case he may not in Rinikku city anymore, but I will definitely find him!! At that time, I will not lose to any other woman!!

I don't mind become the second wife or the third wife, so please have me Wazu-san.

Chapter 40 - Another Story : A Love Rival Appeared

It has been several days since Wazu-san left the village. However, I finally can go to look for him. The village chief and the adult villagers have stopped restraining me because there is already a new Morito successor. There is nothing that tied me down to the village anymore.

All right!! Though everyone seems to disappointed, but I couldn't afford to stay here forever. I will go to look for Wazu-san to confess feeling. Because the future called Happy Ending is waiting for me there!!

The twins Elves, Yuyuna and Ruruna also will accompany me on this journey. They said they want to meet Wazu-san again. It seems they had become good friends. There is no problem with Yuyuna, but Ruruna is.... that wench, what is she planning? I can feel a danger when she talked and praised Wazu-san.

When I meet Wazu-san, maybe one or two lovers had already been with him. Nothing strange because Wazu-san is very charming person. I don't think he will already have a wife though.... but it can't be helped about lovers. Let me become one of them.

However, I don't want his lovers to increase any further. Because if it increases.... that's.... time for our love may be reduced.... ehehehehe.... Th-That's why Ruruna is dangerous!! I feel a danger because she is dangerous!!

However for me who's never been out of the forest, the fact that there will be more people on the journey is something to be rejoice. It can't be helped..... it can't be helped if Ruruna wants to come along. Bu-But I should be the first!!

When we are preparing for the trip, the village became noisy. But it's unlikely that a monster appeared because it sounds cheerful. I think they are welcoming someone. The three of us go out from the house to confirm the situation. It appears they are welcoming those who visited the village. Come to think of it, if I remembered correctly I heard there were requests to shelter some people inside this village for some time. It seems that there are quite a few people. We suspend the preparation and went towards that place to join welcoming them as part of the villager.

While a man called Garret talked about the future with chief, the other villager deepened their friendship with the other people. Meanwhile, I was closely watching a corner where two people were talking out of the circle. One of them is a cat beast-woman who joined later. The other person was a beautiful woman with characteristic blue hair.

Apparently, the woman with blue hair seemed to be listening to a story from the cat-eared woman. Then, the woman with blue was showed complicated look. She seems to be in trouble. I thougt that something has happened so I approaches to listen the story. Before that happen a woman and a man were talking to her. After they said something, the blue haired woman made a resolute face. It seems everything has been settled so I tried to turn back and leave the place but I have no choice but stopped my steps when I heard their conversation.

[Thank you mom!! I will absolutely meet Wazu-san and tell him my feeling] (Tata)

Eh? just now.... who is this person she wanted to meet? What did she want to tell....

Immediately I rushing my steps towards the blue haired woman

[Can I have a minute?] (Sarona)

[Yes, what is it?] (Tata)

[That Wazu-san you are talking about.... could it be, he is a strong person with black hair and eyes also has a normal appearance, he is also a little cute too, right?] (Sarona)

[Eh? how could you know it....] (Tata)

With that reaction alone, we understood each other's feelings. We are in a similar situation and exactly have the same thought. At that moment, there are sparks flying between us.

[I see.... could it be you are also looking for him] (Tata)

[Yeah, what of it?] (Sarona)

[Do you know his whereabouts?] (Tata)

[Guhh....] (Sarona)

It was caught off in painful place. Certainly, I don't know where he is and I never considered where I should look for him.

[I knew where he is. Although I'm not sure whether he is still around, but I know a person who probably will know where he is] (Tata)

[Guhh....] (Sarona)

What's with this feeling of defeat... I can't lose here!!

[I have been to confessed!!] (Sarona)

[So do I!!] (Tata)

Uguu.....

[Ohoo it looks interesting] (Garret)

A man called Garret said so toward us while looking on our interaction. As I began to think, suddeny he said something that tickled me.

[That's right.... why don't you come to see him together?] (Garret)

[[Haaaaa!?]] (Tata & Sarona)

[It's just perchance, but he might have left the city if we don't hurry. There, I saw she was confident with her strenght, right?] (Garret)

[Well, it's because I have been in charge of the village's defense until just recently] (Sarona)

[Hou, that's amazing. I assumed that Wazu had been come to this village so.... you must be Tata's love rival. Tata is familiar to the worldly people but she has no strength. In contrary this missy is strong but has no knowledge about the outer world] (Garret)

[[.....]] (Tata & Sarona)

He could guess my shortcoming excellently and I also understood what is he was trying to say. Certainly we can cope with most crisis if we cooperate. We look at each other.

[.... It is exactly as you say] (Sarona)

[.... That's right] (Tata)

[And our objective also aligned. Meeting Wazu-san should take the top priority] (Sarona)

[Yeah!] (Tata)

Then there is only one answer....

[We shall cooperate for the time being. I won't lose though!] (Sarona)

[Well, that's sounds good, I also won't lose!] (Tata)

zuzuzuzuzuzuzu (TL : sparks sfx :D)

We shook hands while scattering a sparks.

A few days later, we arrange for the trip. Firtsly we will leave the village and head for Rinikku city where Wazu-san should be there. It seems Nena will join us as Tata's escort to apologize for what she had done.

Wait there Wazu-san!! Because your Sarona goes to see you now!!

Chapter 41 - What You Ought To Have

I fell down on all fours in front of Garret-sans place where no one was there anymore. I slowly stood up and began to walk unsteadily to the inn while watching my own feet move step by step. Keyla-san tried to call out when she saw me coming, but looking at my depressed state, she immediately went to the counter and handed me the key.

[What's wrong with that face? I don’t know what happened, just rest for today!] (Keyla)

She said so and lightly pushed my back. I lightly lowered my head to answer and entered the usual room. Inside the room, I threw my body on the bed and slept....

Lula brought me a meal.

I ate a little.

She told me to cheer up.

I slept.

Baldie is come.

He had a face which seems to feel awkward.

I slept.

Keyla-san brought me a meal.

She patting my back with *bashi-bashi*.

I slept.

When I noticed it, Meru was patting my head with *pon-pon*.

Are you trying to comfort me?

Thank you.

I slept.

Then the door was opened forcefully after two days had passed. I slowly looked at the door, lightly dressed Orlando shouldering a big bag was there. Orlando come in with *zuka-zuka* and grabbed my arm.

[I heard the circumtances from Regan-san!! Let's go!!] (Orlando)

Eh? Where?

Orlando dragged me out by the hand. Wait!? What on earth are you doing!? Please leave me alone!! Or rather, what's that Baldie selfishly have told you!!

Orlando brought me to the place a little away from the city, it was a dreary plain with nothing.

[Why on earth did you bring me to a place like this?] (Wazu)

After he took a reasonable distance from me, Orlando took out a wooden sword from the bag he was carrying on and pointing the tip at me.

[What? Are you asking for a duel?] (Wazu)

[Well, something like that I guess. In anticipation of your strenght, I want you to accompany me practice. Just a little---

Here I go!!] (Orlando)

Orlando came to cut me with the sword but I avoided it half heartedly. Although I wouldn’t be hurt even if the attack landed.

[What are you really wanting to do?] (Wazu)

I asked while avoiding the slash, but Orlando only gave a refreshing smile.

[When you're feeling down, if you go out like this and move your body, it usually will make you feel better] (Orlando)

[Well....] (Wazu)

I'm don't feel better in particular. Besides, I hardly moved since it's started. Heck, can I go back?

[Beside, I want to tell you something] (Orlando)

[Tell me something?] (Wazu)

[Ah.... although it’s just my personal opinion] (Orlando)

Then, Orlando ceased his movement. Before I could react, a thrust landed on my chest.

[Wazu!! You are unsightly!!] (Orlando)

[Guhaaa.....] (Wazu)

Critical hiiiiiiiiiiiiit!!!! I hold my chest down. This guy.... all of sudden.... uggh.... I know that my face is ordinary.... I’m not handsome like you.... Bu-but I won’t cry....

(TL : Critical hit!! he was talking about Orlando's words not his attack)

[Why do you look like you're about to cry.... did you misunderstand something?] (Orlando)

[What!?.... I know that my face isn’t handsome like you....] (Wazu)

[That’s no it!! I didn’t mean unsightly in that way!! Well thanks for the compliment though!!] (Orlando)

Yoshh, let’s kill him. Now, I can hit him seriously. Let's shattering the stars.

[Listen, what I’m trying to say is your current state is unsightly!! Indeed, getting dumped after being used by a woman you like, as a man I feel sorry for you] (Orlando)

Guhhaaa....!!

Damn.... could it be that he’s trying to kill me with his words....

[But, look at yourself!! Being depressed and sleeping all day along!! That’s just wrong!!] (Orlando)

[Face the reality if you are a man!!] (Orlando)

[Be proud of what you’ve saved!] (Orlando)

[Surely you were abandoned. But you have brought her smile back. Isn’t that enough!? Let me tell you this---

It was because you are a MAN!!] (Orlando)

Orlando struck my face with a fist instead a wooden sword. I accepted his fist and pain runs on my cheeks. I understand that he's seriously hit me to convey that what he said was also serious.

Well....

You are really cool, Orlando....

My tears came overflowing naturally. It transmitted to Orlando's fist through my cheeks. But still, he look straight at me.

[What's this.... Why do you say such words to me....] (Wazu)

Orlando pulls his fist and clenches it hard.

[I don't know what you think but---] (Orlando)

He turned his fist to me.

[For me, you are my friend!! That's why I said this to you!!] (Orlando)

I see.... a friend, huh....

[What an awful friend.... do you always hit someone you referred to as a friend?] (Wazu)

[Because we are friends!] (Orlando)

Don’t give me that smile, I’m no match for you.

[Fine.... if you are my friend, will you keep silent about this?] (Wazu)

[Of course!] (Orlando)

H said so and turned away his body on the spot to the other side.

I keep shouting and crying out loud to my heart content....

After I cried for a while, I felt strangely refreshed. Just as Orlando said, because I was able to save Tata, I decided that it was enough. It’s still painful when I think about what cat-eared woman said.... it also made me remember about Aria and Sarona-san.... but my friend supported me. I managed to stand and look forward. When I was wiping my tears behind---

[Are you feeling better?] (Orlando)

--- he said so while smiling.

[Yeah, I feel better] (Wazu)

[That’s good] (Orlando)

[All right!! Well then, how about we continue the practice?] (Wazu)

[No.... that wasn’t my intention to bring you here....] (Orlando)

[Be at ease! As a Friend, I will accompany you to practice thoroughly!!] (Wazu)

After that, we practiced compulsorily.

Chapter 42 - Departure

Training with Orlando--- Even though I say that, all I did was just avoid his slash attack, if there is a gap I would tap him lightly. I mean, I don't understand a thing about swordsmanship--- but there was something I had understood after repeating such activity. Orlando is a instinctively genius.

I didn't taught him anything in particular, but after doing practice swings for several times he suddenly said --[I get it!!]-- and it's certain that after some time later, I can sense that his attack seems to be improving.

We repeated this activity over and over again. I think his capability has risen up surpassing a majority of B-rank adventurer. Still not on the same level as A-ranked [Black Flame] but it's not impossible because his swordmanship almost reached the same level as them. Well, it's just my feeling.

Orlando is sprawled out on the plain. Because we have spent a considerable amonut of time, he was sweating profusely and breathing heavily right now. On the other side, I'm just sitting lei~su~re~ly beside him.

[Haa~.... Haa~.... how could.... even after moving.... so much.... there is not single sweat....] (Orlando)

[Well, because I have a fundamentally different strength level from you] (Wazu)

[Haa~.... to be honest.... it’s going too far.... Haa~....] (Orlando)

The most part of sun has already set, let’s go back after Orlando regained his breath. I have caused trouble to Meru, Keyla-san, and other people, I should apologize later.

[Say....] (Orlando)

[Hmm?] (Wazu)

[I wonder if.... I was strong enough to be a knight....] (Orlando)

[Why not? You are strong as now!] (Wazu)

[I see....] (Orlando)

You are strong enough. At least much better than average knight out there.

[.... Yoshh!! I have decided it!!] (Orlando)

Orlando got up and look at me.

[I will go to Mabondo kingdom to become a knight!!] (Orlando)

[Oh~ Do your best!!] (Wazu)

[That’s right, if you don’t mind, would you like to go to the kingdom with me?] (Orlando)

Mabondo kingdom, huh? Certainly, even if I continue to stay in Rinikku city just like this.... I look at the sky while think about it. When I take a glance at Orlando, he had put on a serious expression. It seems he was asking me seriously. Well, Orlando is a nice guy, he is a friend that you can rely on. --[It’s a farewell then!]-- I couldn’t just say that.

I faced Orlando.

[Not a bad idea, I guess. I want to see the figure of Orlando as a knight] (Wazu)

[Of course!! Just wait and I will show you!! My gallant figure as a knight!!] (Orlando)

[When are we going?] (Wazu)

[Actually I'm ready anytime, it just hard to find a determination.... so I would like to go as soon as possibe?] (Orlando)

[That’s fine. I don’t have anything to do in particular, except to say goodbye to the people that took care of me in this city] (Wazu)

[Then, how about you do a round farewell tomorrow, and we will depart in

the morning the day after tomorrow, how's that?] (Orlando)

[Sound's good to me] (Wazu)

Orlando stood up, --[Yeah!! Let's do it!!]-- and cried out.

[Let's go by foot. We will train throughly until arriving at the kingdom] (Wazu)

[O-ouuuu~.... bring it....] (Orlando)

He was obviously feels reluctant. But it's all right, because I will give you a hands.

We went back to the city to prepare. Upon arriving at the inn, to Keyla-san and Lula --[It's all right now. Thanks for your concern]-- I said so while lowering my head.

While beating my shoulder with *bashi-bashi* Keyla-san was, --[There were also various things happening when I was at your age]-- she said so while laughing splendidly.

Then, when I told Lula that I will be leaving this city the day after tomorrow, --[I won't miss you]-- she said so while looking lonely. I was told that tomorrow they will make a luxorious dish for me.

--[Thank you very much!]-- I lowered my head and return to my room where Meru was there. I lowered my head and thanked her in the same manner, but

somehow it feels funny. Wait, you didn’t do anything.... oh well.

After that I told her that we will leave the city. Tomorrow I will be going to say goodbye to people around and make neccessary preparation for the journey, for that reason I ask Meru to come along because I will put everything into her Space-Time Magic for later.

On the next day, I greeted all people that I got to know in this city. We bought a large amout of food from a stalls and put them into the Space-Time Magic. You may nibble on the food but please don't eat it too much, I will keep an eye on Meru.

Then, I stopped by the adventurer guild at the end of greeting. Emma-san and other guild staffs were --[The valuable fighting force is.....]-- said so. Huh? Is that you concerned with? I enter the guild master’s room to greet Regan.

[I see, you will leave huh....] (Regan)

[Yeah, thanks for taking care of me] (Wazu)

[Don’t mind it. Instead, you are the one who has taken care of me so this is a parting gift] (Regan)

Regan threw something small to me. I grabbed and confirmed it was a small bagde. The wind flows in a round shining world, the design gave such feeling.

[It was a sign for all party members from my adventuring time. Show it to the master of the adventurer guild headquarter in the imperial capital along

with my name and you will receive some convenience. Probably....] (Regan)

[Master of the guild headquarter? Your acquintance?] (Wazu)

[That's my sister.... But her personality is the worst] (Regan)

Regan had an irritating face when remembering about his sister. The why are you trying to introduce such a person to me....?

[Well, be sure to come visit this city again in the future] (Regan)

[Yeah but before that.... you told Orlando about my circumtances without permisson, so let me hit you once?] (Wazu)

[Guhh....] (Regan)

When he tried to escape from a window, I caught him quickly and delivered a light punch. With this I could leave without any lingering feeling. I went back to the inn and enjoyed a luxurious dish as promised yesterday.

The next day, we assembled at the gate early in the morning. Meru is sleeping on my head. In this place, Regan and Keyla-san, Lula, Emma-sa and her husband, in addition of those who I met in this city. There are also Orlando's workplace collague and his acquintance. --[Thank you~]-- or --[Good luck~]-- came from everyone's mouth. They are encouraging us. Inside this rain of encouragement, we started our journey to the imperial city of Mabondo kingdom.

Chapter 43 - We Arrived At The Village But....

There are 2 villages that exist on the highway that connected Rinikku city and the Imperial Capital. One of them is Oishi village, it takes 5 days on foot from Rinikku city. I heard that from Orlando. We had spent plenty of time for training before we arrive at the village. Sometimes our opponent was a monster that appeared, we also faced each other regulary, we did various things.

However, I couldn't grasp anything, there was no such a thing as inprovement on my side. Well, I think that my VIT stat was so high because I got hurt so much before, not from training. With such a feeling, we walked slowly to the Oishi village. It took us 7 days that normally only needed 5 days.

The two of us entered the Oishi village. Although it's not so large, the surruonding village is fortified with a brick wall and there are many inns and taverns. It was completely built for people who were traveling to the imperial capital. However I couldn't see anyone. There were no innkeepers, no customers, really no one. Orlando and me looked at each other and carefully observed the surrounding while being vigilant. Orlando pulled the sword from his waist. I was also warned Mearu that feeling restless on my head just in case.

We proceeded slowly and reached an open space like a village square where a crowd people gathered in the center. I wondered what this commotion was about.... well, we will see later. Orlando put back the

sword to its sheath and approaches the crowd.

[What's happened here?] (Orlando)

[....!!!!]

Everyone stirred up when Orlando call out. They are staring as if appraising us, then a man came out of the crowd.

[....and you are?]

[Ah forgive me. We are travelers in the middle of our trip to the Imperial Capital from Rinikku city] (Orlando)

[Is that so.... I'm sorry but we are not in a state to received an outsider at the moment. Please continue your journey!]

[However, it seems to be a serious matter, we can lend our power if it's needed] (Orlando)

Orlando spoke to the man with a full face smile to gain a favorable impression. Such smiling face is impossible for me. The man come back to the crowd to consulting with his friends. Their flickering glance is aimed towards Meru instead of Orlando. I feel something unpleasant so I called out to Orlando.

[Hey, I feel something unpleasant, why don't we pass quickly?] (Wazu)

[What are you talking about Wazu? If someone is in trouble, it's a knights job to help!!] (Orlando)

You are not yet a knight, right? What....? You are already a knight in the heart?

Haaa.... after sighing out I tried to convince Orlando more strongly but before that happen, the man came back and spoke to Orlando.

[I'm sorry to kept you waiting. I will tell you about the situation, so if it's possible could you lend us your power?]

[Yeah!! Leave it to me!!] (Orlando)

Whatever! When I turned my eyes wide towards the crowd of people, some people jumped out and disappeared somewhere.

[Actually the thieves had attacked a while ago, and a girls in the village had been kidnapped]

[What!? That's a serious matter!!] (Orlando)

[So now, I thought to gather the young people in the village to take them back....]

[I understand. Because I'm confident with my power somewhat, let me help too by all means, please!!] (Orlando)

[That would be a great help]

[Of course Wazu will also come, right?] (Orlando)

Orlando asked for confirmation from me, but I pretended to think without responding. Well....

For now I will reply as if were troubled.

[No, I will stays here] (Wazu)

On my reply Orlando showed an [Eh?] face and the man showed discontent face for a moment. I tell him a reason that I have to come up with.

[Maybe the thieves will come again. I will stay here so you can go over there. It’s all right, it will be simple thing with the current you now] (Wazu)

[I see.... It certainly has its danger, it’s a good idea to split our fighting force. Yoshh, I leave this place to you!! Let’s go right away!!] (Orlando)

[Eh....!?]

When Orlando said to me --[I'm going]-- he took several people and went outside the village. Do your best because it was also part of the training. While looking in the direction Orlando went, the previous man spoke to me.

[Eh? You are not going?]

[Hmm? I don’t want to go, because the thieves are here as well] (Wazu)

I laugh fearlessly toward the man from earlier.

[No, the thieves are----]

[First of all, even it’s true that a women and child were kidnapped, it’s impossible that no one left. Moreover, I didn't see any young man or old man in this place] (Wazu)

[Next, this place should have a lot if villagers but there are too few people here no matter how you think about it. Although this is an Inn village but there are no customers at all. Probably, you confined all of them somewhere in the village, right?] (Wazu)

[This is the end of my speculation, there are some of your companions who are heading there first right? the guys who left the crowd earlier went to give the news to other guys so they can launch an attack from behind. In other words, it’s a pincer attack plan. How’s that?] (Wazu)

Without uttering a word, the man clicks his tongue and gave a signal to his companion by hand. Then a group of people apeared from everywhere, surrounded as to draw a circle around me. There are twice as many people as before.

[Hee!! You are quite smart despite your appearance, but there are somethings in the world that’s better unsaid. Did you think you could defeat us if the people here were reduced? Too bad!!]

He said so with a triumphant look and recived a sword from a man behind. Meanwhile I was lightly streching.

[One, two, ..., seven, eight, ...] (Wazu)

[....? what are you doing?]

[Eh? warming up!] (Wazu)

It’s for blowing you away.

Chapter 44 - Even It’s Famous, I Don’t Know What I Didn’t Know

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The man continued to speak while ignoring my remark. Eh? when will we start? Just hurry and come at me.

[It seems you don’t know who am I?]

[Oh, he doesn't know about Aniki? He must have just come from the countryside!!]

[Gyahahaha!!]

[?] (Wazu)

No, I really don’t know and I don’t care at all.

[I will tell you if you don’t know!! I am little brother of great bandits Digondo Brother’s leader, Gondo] (Gondo)

[.....] (Wazu)

I tilted my head. On second thought I still don’t know, I never heard his name and all. The other bandits added an explanation with a loud voice.

[No, it’s impossible he didn’t know!!]

[This is Digondo's brother we are talking about!!]

[Did everything from rape, murder, robbery, and other criminal acts!!]

[There is a bounty on his head!!]

[It’s 100 gold coin no less!!]

[Even B-rank adventurer are no match for him!!]

[And this Gondo-sama is his brother] (Gondo)

[Heee~] (Wazu)

[[[[What’s with that weak reaction!!!]]]]

Huh? Is that surprising? It's just B-ranked adventurer right? it's not a big deal. But 100 gold coins rewards.... did Orlando know about it? wait a second.... if the little brother is here, does that mean Orlando is headed to the big brother.... will he be all right? I think it's not a problem in a 1-on-1 fight, but if there are a lot of opponents, or if they are take a villager as hostage....

Yosshi, I will finish these guys quickly and save the villager.

[That's enough.... You guys get rid of him!! But be careful to handle a dragon child on his head because we can sell it for a super-high price later!!] (Gondo)

[[[Ouu!!!!]]]

The other bandits are attacking all at once. Swords, knives, hand axes, etc. they are armed with various kinds if weapons. I tried not to drop Meru from my head while avoiding their attack. I adjust my power to a degree as not kill each person and knocked all of them down in one strike.

[Hoi! Hoi! Hoi!] (Wazu)

The bandits who were beaten up gathered in one place and stacked up like a mountain. The mountain gradually become larger while the bandits surrounded me were decreased. Noticed the abnormal situation, the rest of the bandits were hesitating to come towards me so I come towards them instead.

Currently, there are only two people left standing in this place, me and the

little brother of something. When I cast the dust off my shoulder, this little brother raised a voice while trembling.

[Wh-Wh-Wh-What the heck are you.... to defeated this number of people in no time....] (Gondo)

[Even you asked me that.... Ah!! For now I'm just a F-rank adventurer, I guess?] (Wazu)

Come to think of it, where did I put my guild card again. There are various thing to remember and it was completely falling out of my head. When I arrive in the kingdom, I need to submit an application to raise my rank.

[Th-That's a lie!! With so much strength, it's impossible that you are just F-rank adventurer!!] (Gondo)

No, I'm telling the truth. Should I show you my guild card? While I was looking for my guild card, the little brother showed his back and ran away.

[Wait a moment, I will show it to you!!] (Wazu)

I move in front of the little brother in a flash, but he attack me with his sword while shouting before I could show him my guild card.

[Uwaaa~a~a~a!!!!] (Gondo)

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Because the swords is aimed at my head, I tried to catch it with my finger so as not to hit Meru. But it's shattered instead. Somehow, I feel sorry. The little brother stunned when looking at his broken sword. I didn't feel like showing him my guild card anymore so I knocked him down and throw it to the mountain of bandits.

I was troubled in front of a mountain of bandits. I can leave them just as is but what if they wake up and run away. While I thought about what to do, an idea came into my mind. But first, I asked Meru to search for villagers that should have been confined somewhere. While Meru flew around the village, I lightly beat the ground in the square to make a hole that fits for 4-5 people in. I buried the bandits into a hole while leaving their head outside. I made similar holes to buried other bandits.

I repeated the same work many times. Finally, I finished burying the little brother in the hole for one person. As Meru came back, I opened my hands and waited for her. She landed on my face instead, after a little struggle to climb onto my head she pointed her small limb to one direction.

[Should I go over there?] (Wazu)

[Kyui~!] (Meru)

The place Meru pointed was a village's assembly hall. There were two people that acted as guards, I buried them in the same manner as the other bandits. There was a big lock prepared by the bandits at the door but with *eii* I snapped it into two. There were a lot of people inside when I opened the door. Everyone's attention were focused on me.

[Who are you....? One of the bandits....?]

Because it’s a little strange to see me entering the assembly hall alone, an elder old man asks for confirmation from me. I briefly explained the current situation and released everyone. They are conveyed their gratitude to me and I found out that the elder old man is a village chief. I told the chief that my friend is still in a fight with other bandits so I will join him. I asked some adventurers to watch the bandits that I buried in the ground. I asked Meru to search for Orlando’s location from his smell. I dashed as soon as Meru pointed to one direction.

Orlando, please stay safe....

Chapter 45 - Hang In There!! Orlando!!

We headed towards a nearby forest following Orlando’s scent. As we got near the location Meru was pointed at, I can see Orlando had pulled out his sword in a slightly open place. He was confronted with around 10 bandits. The biggest guy among the bandits held a little girl while pressed the blade of his axe at her neck.

It seems they are using a hostage to seal Orlando's movement. On Orlando’s left shoulder there was a cut down to his back with a little blood flowing. Perhaps, he was caught in a surprise attack from a bandit who went with him. For now, it was good that nothing serious happened to him. Orlando who noticed me, asked about the situation.

[Wazu!! What are you doing here?] (Orlando)

[What... I just came to check] (Wazu)

[Who are you bastard?]

[Ah! He was the idiot’s friend who stayed behind at the village]

One of the bandits called the Giant who took the girl hostage as a boss, and

told him about me. However, don’t call my friend an idiot or.... I’ll kill you.

[Fuu~.... so, you are the leader of this Brother something right?] (Wazu)

[It’s Digondo Brothers!!]

[Bastard, you don’t know about this Digo-sama the leader of Digondo Brothers?] (Digo)

The surrounding bandits started ranting.

[Oh, I heard it earlier. The bandits who were in a village carefully told me that. Well, right now they were buried in the ground though] (Wazu)

[[[..?..]]]

The bandits looked at me as if didn’t understand what I was talking about. On the other side, Orlando had a bitter smile while imagining their situation. It was hard work you know? To bury all of them.

[I don't understand what you are talking about.... forget it, I can confirm it later. Neither of you don’t dare to move hands or legs from where you stand] (Digo)

The Giant pressed his axe to the girl he was holding. The girl shed tears in her eyes, she couldn’t scream or move because of fear. I call out to Orlando.

[Orlando, can you take care the big man? It’s all right, your power is enough. Just think about it as practice] (Wazu)

[.....All right!!] (Orlando)

[Bastard, if you dare to move even a little----] (Gado)

I dissappeared from the place at the same time as Orlando nodded.

[I can’t guarantee the girls safety.... this girl sa....] (Gado)

The man seeing his own hands grabbing thin air. Then he look at me holding the girl with a surprised expression.

[Wha... how the hell.... what kind of skill is this....?] (Gado)

I just move a bit seriously though. The girl who didn't understand the situation remained solid. I held the girl up and stroking her back to calm her.

[It’s all right now. Just stay still a little longer] (Wazu)

Orlando also showed a relieved look to see the girl in my hand. He put words with a gentle expression while facing the girl in order to calm her down. Then the girl’s cheeks turned red. I am the one who saved you though.... sigh.... I am never popular with woman, I thought so.

[You guys, surround and kill them!!] (Gado)

The bandits surround us following the Giant's words. I called out Orlando while watching that.

[As I said earlier, you take care the big man and leave the rest of the bandits to me] (Wazu)

[All right!!] (Orlando)

Orlando ran up towards the Giant after giving a short reply. The other bandits rushed forward, tried to block his way but the Giant man swung his axe to stop Orlando's momentum, the sword and axe collided.

[He is my share!! You guys kill that guy over there!!] (Gado)

Following the order, the rest of the bandits came to attack me together. I kicked them out while avoiding their attack so the girl doesn't get hit. I mean, I was holding the girl so both of my hands are occupied. Like the bandits in the village I make other mountain here.

Not long, all bandits has piled up like a mountain. The Giant had a look of astonishment by the results.

[Impossible!!!] (Gado)

[O~ii, are you sure you have time to looking at that?] (Orlando)

Not missing a chance made by himself, Orlando's sword reached his

abdomen and made a shallow cut.

[Bastard, I'll kill you!!!] (Gado)

The Giant swung his axe, however Orlando parried it with his sword calmly. Still, sometimes Orlando was in a dangerous situation. Apparently each other's ability seems to be close. Even so, it feels as though Orlando is slightly overwhelming. The Giant that can't decide the game gradually showing an irritated expression on his attack. Without missing the chance, Orlando struck his body while avoiding his axe that came at him, the Giants stance crumbled and Orlando unleash another slash attack. The Giant stood up to regain his stance while throwing dirt that he picked up when he fell towards Orlando. Even with his vision being deprived, Orlando succeeded to piercing the Giant's chest with his sword.

[Aaaa~.....] (Gado)

When Orlando pulled his sword from his chest, the Giant fell as if he had lost all his power. Without minding the blood that attached on his sword, Orlando wipes the sweat from his face while showing a smile of victory.

[Do you feel stronger now?] (Wazu)

[Yeah.... fwuuh.... I was a little unsure before, because I couldn't even make you serious to fight me] (Orlando)

With a forced smile I entrust the girl to Orlando. I let him to rescue the other people that got captured. Since there possibility that the place was guarded, I warn him to be careful and see him off. I raised the already dead Giant man with one hand and put it together with the other bandits. After finished loaded them I walked slowly towards the village.

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